

Botanical Name: *Penstemon pseudospectabilis*

Common Name: Canyon Penstemon, Desert Penstemon, Arizona Penstemon



Family: Scrophulariaceae

Habitat: Dry, rocky slopes, washes, canyons

Native Distribution: E California to SE New Mexico

Elevation: 2,000 to 6,000 ft

Hardiness: 0°F

Type: Evergreen

Size: 3' tall x 2' wide

Shape: Clumping rosettes

Growth Rate: Moderate

Flowers: 1" bright magenta tubular blooms

Bloom Season: March through June

Fruit: Pepper-like seeds

Foliage: Opposite bluish-green triangular leaves with serrated margins

Exposure: Full to part sun

Shade: N/A

Water Requirements: Low

In the Landscape: Excellent accent plant, in rock gardens, around entryways and walkways, in wildflower and perennial gardens, in mass plantings, or in front of cactus to soften. Little to no maintenance or litter.

Wildlife: Attracts hummingbirds and butterflies.

Other Stuff:

- Needs bi-weekly deep soaking in the summer to prolong blooming; keep dry in winter to keep from dying.
- After blooming, shake seeds to the ground to encourage volunteers.
- Cut dried stalks to the ground to encourage good growing next season.
- Thin, if needed; penstemons like their space.