



## *Penstemon spectabilis*, SHOWY PENSTEMON

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### MORE NATIVE PENSTEMONS:

- P. azureus*, Azure Penstemon  
-blue flower, low, spreading
- P. baccharifolius*, Desert Penstemon  
-red flower, Sonoran native
- P. centranthifolius*, Scarlet Bugler  
-red flower, desert species
- P. heterophyllus*, Foothill Penstemon  
-purple flower, mounding habit
- P. palmeri*, Palmer's Penstemon  
-light pink flower
- P. grinnellii*, Grinnell's Penstemon  
-pale lavender flower

Showy Penstemon is a spectacular spring and summer flowering upright perennial that is found in chaparral communities of the coast ranges below 6,000 feet. It reaches 3 feet tall and performs best in full sun and well-drained soil. To avoid root rot, Penstemons should be planted during the cooler months (mid fall through early spring). An excellent choice for the pollinator garden, the iridescent flowers attract hummingbirds, butterflies and bees. Plant it with species that require the same conditions, such as *Ceanothus*, *Encelia*, *Eriogonum*, *Mimulus*, *Nassella*, *Salvia* and *Yucca*.

PLANT PROFILES

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