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|  | Scientific name: <i>Penstemon strictus</i> |
| | Common name(s): Rocky Mountain Penstemon/Beardtongue |
| | Family: Plantaginaceae (Plantain) [formerly Scrophulariaceae] |
| | Native: CO, Southwest |
| | Habitat: Montane, foothills, Pinyon-Juniper, Sagebrush Rocky Mountain Penstemon is one of the longest-lived and least fussy of the native Penstemons. Its showy blooms are bumble bee and hummingbird magnets. Combine with Evening Primrose (<i>Oenothera spp.</i>), Sulfur Flower Buckwheat (<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>), Engelmann's Daisy (<i>Engelmannia pinnatifida</i>), Blanketflower (<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>), Indian Paintbrush (<i>Castilleja spp.</i>), Globemallow (<i>Sphaeralcea spp.</i>), Prince's Plume (<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>) or other Penstemons. |
| <p>Plant type: Evergreen perennial (reseeds)</p> <p>Elevation: Native range to 11,000'</p> <p>USDA Hardiness Zone: 4</p> <p>Exposure: Full sun, part sun, light shade</p> <p>Soil: Adaptable; well-drained</p> <p>Moisture: Moderate, low, dry</p> <p>Flower color: Blue, blue-violet, purple</p> <p>Bloom time: Mid-spring to early summer; may rebloom in fall</p> <p>Mature size (height x width): 15-30" x 1-3'</p> |  |
|  | <p>Propagation: Cold stratify the seeds at 40°F for 3 months. Sow in situ or in cells. Cover the seeds very lightly. OR Sow the seeds outside in the fall. Rocky Mountain Penstemon self-sows prolifically in gardens.</p> |
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