

Penstemon heterophyllus var. *australis*

Foothill Penstemon

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL

2' high, 2' spread.

Many-stemmed - upright or spreading.

Narrow, pointed leaves.

Rose violet to lilac to blue tubular flowers — spring to summer.



Native habitat: chaparral, foothill woodland, yellow pine forest; dry hillsides below 5500' - Sierra Nevada and Coast Ranges.

Full sun to part shade.

Frost and heat tolerant.

Well-drained, rocky soil best.

Little to moderate summer water necessary, but will accept more.

Good for borders in front of large shrubs.

Blooms longer with irrigation.

Can be cut back after blooming.

Attracts butterflies and hummingbirds.

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