

*Keckiella cordifolia*

## Climbing Bush Penstemon, Heart-leaved Penstemon



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SHRUB, WOODY CLIMBER.

5–6' high, spreading 8–10'. Mounding, with vining branches.

Dark green, heart-shaped leaves

Showy clusters of bright red-orange flowers—March to August.

Native habitat: chaparral, woodland—coastal and inland canyons  
and foothills below 5000'. N. Baja to San Luis Obispo.

Full sun (coast); part shade to shade (inland).

Likes cool roots, and northern exposures.

Somewhat drought tolerant, but irrigation (2–4x/month) reduces  
summer dormancy.

Attractive to hummingbirds.

Good on slopes and in shade of oaks.

Will climb through tall shrubs (*ceanothus* and *rhamnus*).

