

*Penstemon spectabilis*  
Showy Penstemon, Royal Penstemon

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL.

2 - 4' high, 3' spread.

Stiff, open-branched.

Bright green leaves.

Rose-purple, whitish within, tubular  
flowers on tall flower spikes -  
spring to summer.

Native habitat: coastal sage scrub,  
chaparral - open slopes, dry  
washes below 6000'.

Full sun to part shade.

Frost resistant.

Light or heavy soil.

Drought tolerant but can take some  
water (1 x /month).

Lovely in bloom.

Nice cut flowers.

Best mixed with plants with denser foliage for  
rest of the year.

Can be cut back after blooming.



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