

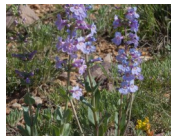


UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Thickleaf Penstemon (*Penstemon pachyphyllus*)



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Zone: 4-7

Color: Blue violet, lavender

Bloom Time: May to August

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 12-26" tall

Mature Spread: 8-12" wide

Water Use: Low, very low

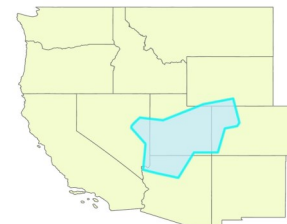
Soil Type: Well-drained, infertile, disturbed and dry, gravelly soils.

Range and Native Habitat: The Thickleaf Penstemon occurs throughout the western states of Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. It is found in salt desert shrub, sagebrush-grass, pinyon-juniper, mountain brush, and conifer communities.

Suggested Maintenance: Shear off the fading flowering stalks to maintain the appearance of the ever-green foliage (leave a few stalks if re-seeding is desired). Mulch with gravel or pine needles in arid climates. Avoid overwatering.

Other: The Thickleaf Penstemon colonizes readily following fire and tolerates poor soils. It is also known as Utah Bluebells.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun to part shade



Water Needs
Low, very low



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, 2-3 mos stratification