

VALE'S GREENHOUSE



Quality Plants For The Chinook Zone

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PENSTEMONS

Did you know that every province and territory and Canada has at least one native Penstemon? There are so many different kinds there is no reason not to sample a wide spectrum of garden Penstemons. Penstemons are particularly well suited to arid climate, low water demand and little snow cover. The flowers come in almost every colour imaginable in shades of white, pink, yellow, blue and red. The variety of foliage can be just as interesting as the flowers. The leaves can range in colour and texture from red to light blue, smooth, ridged and hard.

There are so many different kinds of Penstemons finding the ideal location for them in most gardens is quite easy. Most gardeners think of Penstemons as "Classic" "Alpines" that they will not grow in a traditional garden situation. Husker's Red Penstemon is the best known of any of the Penstemons family with deep red leaves and striking white flowers. This plant was chosen as Perennial plant of the year in 1996. It grows well in deep rich garden soil and will grow up to 30 inches high and would not be considered an alpine plant.

For the alpine enthusiast Penstemons are fabulous plants that provide a full season of bloom times colour and texture. One of the best is Penstemon alpinus. This tough little plant blooms in early June and is one of the hardest plants in the alpine garden.

Growing Penstemons in containers may seem odd, but there are many non-hardy types that are sold as annuals. Penstemon Red Rocks or Sour Grapes are the most well know types. In containers these plants will bloom long after everything else in the container has frozen from heavy frosts

Hardy Types of Penstemons we have grown at Vale's Greenhouse are listed below. Please check out our perennial department for current year varieties.

Penstemon alpinus

Penstemon barbatus Elfin Pink

Penstemon Beautiful Blue

Penstemon confertus

Penstemon digitalis Husker's Red

Penstemon hirsutus Pygmeus

Penstemon idahoensis

Penstemon Lylallii

Penstemon Paririe Dusk

Penstemon procerus Slender

Penstemon strictus Rocky Mountain

Penstemon whippleanus

Penstemon barbatus Navigator

Penstemon gracilis (slender)



Penstemon heterodoxus



Penstemon zupicola



Penstemon Angustifolus



Penstemon Davidsonii



Penstemon humilis



Penstemon pinifolius



Penstemon Prairie Dawn



Penstemon aridus



Penstemon strictus



Penstemon utahensis