



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Firecracker Penstemon (*Penstemon eatonii*)



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Zone: 4-8

Color: Red

Bloom Time: Late spring to early summer

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 2-3' tall

Mature Spread: 3' wide

Water Use: Low water

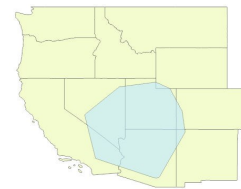
Soil Type: Sand and decomposed granite

Range and Native Habitat: The Firecracker Penstemon is native to the western United States from California to the Rocky Mountains. It grows in many types of desert, woodland, forest, and open plateau habitat.

Suggested Maintenance: Cut back faded foliage in the fall by a third. After the last frost in the spring, cut the remaining foliage back hard.

Other: Hummingbirds love the red flowers of this plant. Species of the penstemon genus are host plants to several types of butterflies including the Arachne checkerspot, Chalcedon checkerspot, and common buckeye.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Low



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast



Propagation
By seed, 1-2 mos stratification