



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Palmer's Penstemon (*Penstemon palmeri*)



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Zone: 4-8

Color: Purple, blue, pink

Bloom Time: May to July

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 36-60" tall

Mature Spread: 24" wide

Water Use: Low, very low

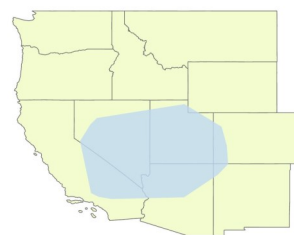
Soil Type: Sandy and decomposed granite

Range and Native Habitat: This species can be found throughout the western U.S. It occurs on slopes, washes, canyons, and alluvial fans of deserts.

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

Other: The Palmer's Penstemon is one of the few scented flowers in the family of penstemons. It readily re-seeds making it great for colonizing harsh sites. It was historically used by North American indigenous people as a poultice for snakebites.

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, 1-3 mos stratification