



## ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### Rock Penstemon *Penstemon baccharifolius*

**DESCRIPTION:** Also called Cut-leaf Penstemon, Rock Penstemon is a densely branched subshrub with herbaceous growth above, which becomes woody at its base. It may be erect or somewhat sprawling. Leaves are thick, toothed, and dark-green. Inch-long straight tubular cherry-red flowers open along the stalk from spring through summer. Rock Penstemon occurs from 2,000 to 7,000 feet elevation in Trans-Pecos of Texas and south into Mexico. The cultivar Diablo™ will bloom intermittently through the spring and summer months and is said to be more colorful.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** Its low, tight habit makes it a desirable rock garden plant. Will attract hummingbirds

#### CULTURE:



**Hardiness:** Down to 0°F.



**Sun tolerance:** Literature says it can take full sun, but may be best used in areas with afternoon shade, or else keep the root area shaded from the late afternoon sun with mulch or rocks.



**Watering and feeding:** Low, once established. Fertilize in spring.



**Soil requirements:** Needs fast-draining soil.



**Pruning:** Can be cut back after flowering if seed is not desired.