



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Ruby Penstemon *Penstemon schoenholzeri*

DESCRIPTION: Ruby Penstemon is a bushy, semi-evergreen perennial, growing to 2' tall. From mid-summer to fall, it puts up wine-red flower spikes covered with large, bell-shaped crimson flowers.

RECOMMENDED USE: Excellent in pots and containers, as well as directly in the garden. Use to attract native butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Below 15°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to half-day shade.



Watering and feeding: Drought-tolerant once established, but does better on regular irrigation. Fertilize in spring.



Soil requirements: Tolerates and even thrives in poor soils and alkaline conditions but requires relatively good drainage.



Pruning: Pinch plants after the first bloom to promote a quick re-bloom and cut back hard in winter to encourage a new flush of dense growth in spring.