

Botanical Name: Penstemon gloxiniioides

Common Name: Border penstemon

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Family Scrophulariaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape upright, compact, dense plants resembling snapdragons or
stocks; large tubular flowers held high above foliage

Height 2'-4' Spread 2'-4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil prefers fast-draining soils

Hardiness hardy - all zones

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly lanceolate to elliptical, 3"-4" long, 1/2" wide
whorled on stem; some varieties are glaucous on both surfaces

Flowers tubular, resembling large snapdragon flowers, held in terminal
spikes; usually spotted with red or white coloration

Fruit capsule with many seeds

Propagation: seed, stem cuttings; many varieties are hybrids

Usage: good in mass plantings, in beds, borders and containers for
summer blooms; used for bright, strong colors - pink, red, rose, peach and salmon

Landscape Care:

Watering tolerates drought when established; prefers more regular
watering for best blooms and appearance

Fertilizing generally none required

Pruning head back after bloom to stimulate second bloom in summer

Pests/Diseases root rot in heavy soils

Other

Origin: Hybrids from P. cobaea and P. hartwegii