

Botanical Name: Keckiella cordifolia

Common Name: Heart-leaved penstemon, Heart-leaved keckiella

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character partially deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a loosely-constructed mounding shrub, with slender
branches arching outward to form a broad rounded canopy

Height 4' - 6' Spread 8' - 10' Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers partial sun or shade at inland sites; can tolerate
full sun near the immediate coast

Soil tolerates most; thrives in heavy clay if not over-watered

Hardiness some frost (zones 19, 21-24): prefers mild coastal sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, distinctly ovate-cordate; bright shiny
green, 1"-2" long, with toothed margins

Flowers bright red, tubular, strongly 2-lipped, 1"-1 1/2" long;
borne in clusters mostly at the ends of the stems

Fruit a small papery capsule

Propagation: seed or softwood cuttings

Usage: an excellent mid-sized to large-sized filler for shaded
slope plantings - the arching branches hang over retaining walls and provide
excellent flower display

Landscape Care:

Watering an occasional deep soak

Fertilizing little needed

Pruning head back when young to promote a fuller, dense form; head
back after blooming to maintain size if needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions hybridizes easily with K. antirrhinoides
coastal foothill-canyon areas, San Luis Obispo

Origin: County to Baja, California Family: Scrophulariaceae