

Botanical Name: Keckiella antirrhinoides

Common Name: Yellow penstemon

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub Character summer deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a loosely-branched shrub, with ascending primary stems  
and secondary branching forming an open, somewhat irregular canopy; older plants  
become mounded and wide-spreading

Height 4' - 6' (8') Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow-moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors thrives in full-sun habitats; avoid shaded locations

Soil tolerates most except poorly-drained clay

Hardiness hardy (zones 18-24): prefers warm sunny sites

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, opposite, narrowly elliptical, 1/2"-1" long;  
bright green, with entire margins

Flowers bright lemon-yellow, trumpet-shaped, with flaring 2-lipped  
corolla; 1/2"-3/4" long, borne in showy panicles; April - June

Fruit a small papery capsule

Propagation: seed or softwood cuttings

Usage: an attractive large-sized filler, valued for its heavy  
flower display and drought tolerance; several planted together form a loose  
open screen; well-adapted to slope plantings

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak; can survive without  
summer watering but will go dormant and lose its leaves

Fertilizing little needed

Pruning head back after flowering to promote a more dense structure  
if desired

Pests/Diseases relatively free - susceptible to root fungus diseases in  
wet heavily shaded locations

Special Conditions chaparral of Riverside/San Bernardino

Origin: counties to Baja California Family: Scrophulariaceae