

Botanical Name: Penstemon pinifolius

Common Name: Dwarf penstemon

Type of Plant: dicot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Low, tumbling, spreading perennial with trailing stems,
fine, needle-like leaves and narrow tubular flowers

Height 6" to 12" Spread 2 to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor full sun

Soil prefers loose, gravelly soil, needs good drainage

Hardiness hardy -- all zones

Morphology:

Leaves narrow, linear leaves to 3/4" long oppositely arranged
medium green color

Flowers narrow tubular flowers to 1-1/2" coral to scarlet, in
terminal clusters

Fruit inconspicuous capsule

Propagation: stem cuttings in spring

Usage: low rock garden plant or facer plant, small scale

groundcover; useful as a foreground plant in perennial borders

Landscape Care:

Watering keep fairly dry, may grow too fast and die in rich soils
without fast drainage

Fertilizing none

Pruning head back to encourage dense growth

Pests/Diseases root rot in heavy soils

Special Conditions

Origin: Southwest US and Mexico Family: Scrophulariaceae