



Top Photo: North American Rock
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Natives

Broad-leaved Penstemon, Egg-leaf Penstemon

Penstemon ovatus

Light:	Full Sun
Soil:	Sand, Gravel
Moisture:	Average to Dry with proper drainage
Benefits:	Pollinators, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Host Plant, Deer Resistant
Height:	2'-3'
Blooms:	Jun
Zones:	4, 5, 6, 7
Color:	Sky Blue to Lavender-blue
Spacing:	1'-2'
Root:	Fibrous

Native to the Pacific Northwest, Broad-leaved Penstemon are now found throughout North America. The plants are long-lived, upright and nicely proportioned, preferring well-drained soil with a fair amount of organic matter. More sun tends to increase flowering, though they will tolerate virtually any light situation except for deep shade or excessive sun.

A wonderful pollinator and host plant providing a special value to native bees, grouping multiple plants makes it easier for pollinators to locate them. In addition, small songbirds may eat the seeds of the mature plants and the foliage provides cover for tiny beneficials.