



Calico Beardtongue

Penstemon calycosus

Light:	Full, partial, shade
Soil:	Loam, Sand, Clay, Rocky
Moisture	Medium-wet, medium
Benefits:	Pollinators, Birds, Deer Resistant
Height:	3'
Blooms:	June, July
Zones:	4, 5, 6, 7
Color:	Pink
Spacing:	1-2'
Root:	Fibrous

As you can see by the photos, calico beardtongue is a very fancy native plant and would make a great stand-in for foxglove. That said, word is that it really does prefer moister sites, so consider that in your calculations. It absolutely attracts pollinators—duh, check out those blossoms—as well as hummingbirds. Sun-dappled, damp woods would be an ideal site, but as you can see, it's pretty adaptable if it gets enough to drink. And yay! Deer don't seem to care for it.

Both photos from wildflower.org. Top: George Brusso photo. Bottom: Sally and Andy Wasowski photo.