

Plant Name	Scientific	Common	Family	Date Reviewed 03/24/20
Penstemon pseudospectabilis		Desert Beardtongue	Plantaginaceae (formerly Scrophulariaceae)	
Propagation Method		Native to		
Seed (preferred) or cuttings		New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, California		
Treatments (Suggested procedures)				
Seed is physiologically dormant. There are two easy ways to break this dormancy: cold/moist stratification or treatment with gibberellic acid (GA ₃). For the first method, sow about 5-6 seeds per cell in a plug tray filled with fine, well-drained medium and cover to a depth equal to the diameter of the seed. The seed does not need to be covered in order to germinate, but covering the seed improves the seed's contact with the soil. Water the plug tray, and allow the water to drain. Seal the plug tray in a plastic bag, and place it in a cooler chilled to about 41 degrees Fahrenheit. After 30 days, remove the bag from the cooler and place the plug tray under intermittent				
Collection Timing and Strategies				
Seed is commercially available. Seed collection date is variable depending on whether seed is collected in the wild or from the garden. Collect when the seed pod is brown and starting to split at the tip. Wild-collected seed from higher altitudes or from the northern extremes of the range are likely to produce hardier plants.				
Cultural Information				
Greenhouse conditions				
Allow medium to dry completely before watering.				
Garden conditions				
Adaptable in xeric to mesic conditions in full sun.				
Other Expert Advice				

