




PENSTEMON EATONII

Firecracker Penstemon

 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts hummingbirds

 Native to SW U.S.

Why we love it...

Firecracker Penstemon is a member of a large group of plants composed of many wild species found growing in a variety of climates, as well as numerous hybrids that have been developed for a wide range of characteristics. Their flowers are often associated with the hummingbirds who rely on their nectar as an early source of food.

The crimson flowers of Firecracker Penstemon are among the first blooms to appear in late winter to early spring; hovering above a mound of dark green foliage on 2-foot-long stalks while many other desert plants are still dormant. Like most Penstemons, this species is exceptionally drought tolerant and requires excellent drainage to perform well in the landscape.



Lydia says: Cutt back spent flower stalks to encourage new blooms. You can also leave them on the plant until the seeds ripen if you wish to spread more Firecracker Penstemon around your garden!

This shrub is part of our American Beauties Native Plants® collection. Purchasing American Beauties Native Plants® helps to support the National Wildlife Federation® and their mission to protect wildlife!

Perennial Shrub: *Penstemon eatonii*

Size (H x W): 1-3 feet x 1-3 feet

Blooms: Crimson red, from late winter to spring

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -10° F, USDA Zone 5

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Remove spent flower stalks in May to June

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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