

## *Penstemon hirsutus*

# Hairy Beardtongue



Easily distinguishable from others in the Beardtongue family by its early bloom time and “hairy” stems, this trumpet-shaped flower is also named for its yellow stamen or “tongue” which is emblematic of this family.

### Characteristics

Height: 2 feet

Spread: 10-12 inches

Bloom time: May-June

Bloom color: Purple and white

### Attributes

Erect, hairy-stemmed plant with open, stalked clusters of lavender trumpet-shaped flowers with white lips

One of the larval host plants of the Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly

Attracts hummingbirds, songbirds, butterflies, and bumblebees

Deer resistant

### Growing and Maintenance

Soil requirements: Thin, well-drained soils

Light requirements: Sun, part sun, or shade

Water requirements: Low to moderate

A versatile plant that thrives in a variety of conditions and requires little maintenance

Its compact size, blooms, and versatility make it an ideal choice for front yard flower beds, meadows, and borders

### Native Range

Native range throughout the northeastern half of the United States

Found in dry woods and prairies, rocky fields, and bluffs



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