



Penstemon ambiguus Sand Penstemon

Unlike most penstemons, this species is shrub-like, forming a semi-woody mound to three feet tall and wide. From May through September it is covered with masses of pale pink to white flowers. Its narrow, bright green leaves tend to drop off in the winter. In very cold locations, plants might actually freeze back to the ground, and recover in the spring. This penstemon is especially suited for middle deserts, as it is native to elevations from 4,500 to 6,000 feet. In Albuquerque, for instance, it thrives and blooms throughout the summer months. However, it tends to rot out in the summers in the low deserts. Sand penstemon insists on good drainage, and will not tolerate over-watering.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	3 feet x 3 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Pink to white
FLOWER SEASON	Spring through summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-20° F, USDA Zone 5
PRUNING	Prune frosted foliage



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