



Penstemon thurberi Thurber's Penstemon

Unlike most penstemons species this shrub-like plant forms a semi-woody mound to two to three feet tall and one foot wide. From May through June it is covered with masses of rose pink to purple flowers. 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 from California to Texas. 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. Thurber's penstemon insists on good drainage, and will not tolerate over-watering.

AT A GLANCE SUMMARY	
SIZE (H X W)	2-3 feet x 1 feet
FLOWER COLOR	Rose pink to purple
FLOWER SEASON	Late spring into summer
EXPOSURE	Full sun, part shade
WATER	Low
GROWTH RATE	Fast
HARDINESS	-10° F, USDA Zone 6
PRUNING	Prune frosted foliage



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