

Hairy Beardtongue

Scientific Name: *Penstemon hirsutus*



<u>Life Cycle</u>	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Plant Spacing</u>	<u>Soil Moisture</u>	<u>Sun Exposure</u>	<u>Bloom Period</u>
Perennial	18 in.	10 - 12 in.	Medium/Wet - Dry	Any	May - June

Open clusters of trumpet-shaped, lavender flowers grace Hairy Beardtongue from late May to late June, attracting bumblebees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Hairy Beardtongue is one of the larval host plants of the Chalcedon Checkerspot, the Baltimore Checkerspot and Edith's Checkerspot. Its early bloom time and hairy stems distinguish it from other Beardtongues. Its preference ranges from medium-wet to dry soils in varied sun conditions make it a versatile choice for home landscaping. Plants typically are 1-2' tall with opposite, stemless lance-shaped leaves with toothed margins. The blossom shades range from pale hues of purples and blues to white. The long, thin blooms have five petals with a protruding, hairy lower lip that evokes the species' common name. Because its native range is concentrated in eastern North America, *Penstemon hirsutus* sometimes is called Northeastern Beardtongue.

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