



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Cochise Beardtongue *Penstemon dasyphyllus*

DESCRIPTION: Cochise Beardtongue is an herbaceous perennial with thick, gray-green leaves. In May it blooms, sending up a stalk a foot or two high. The wide flowers are blue to shades of purple and about an inch long. Pollination is by bees. It is native to elevations of 3000' to 5500' in the southwest.

RECOMMENDED USE: Good for a splash of late spring color. Although bee pollinated, Cochise Beardtongue will also attract hummingbirds.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: Down to at least 10°F.



Sun tolerance: Full sun to light shade.



Watering and feeding: Best to water regularly. Fertilization not necessary.



Soil requirements: Often found growing in deeper loamy or gravelly soils.



Pruning: None necessary