

# Penstemon digitalis

## 'Husker Red'

*North American Native Cultivar*



**Penstemon**  
(pen-stay-mon)  
From Greek  
*pente*, five, and  
*stemon*, a  
stamen referring  
to the five  
stamens.

**digitalis** from  
the Latin for  
finger, referring  
to the corolla  
shape.



**Zones:** 3 – 9 **Flower Color:** White **Height:** 2 – 3' **Spacing:** 18"

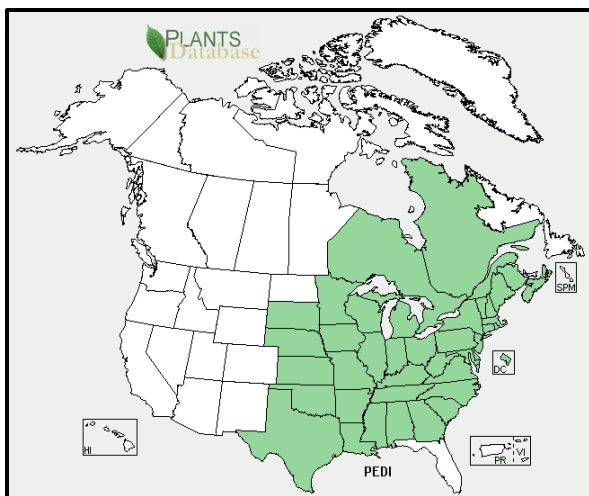
The 1996 Perennial of the Year and an American native, this under-used perennial has reddish-purple leaves and stems, is evergreen, and produces nodding, tubular white flower bells with just a hint of pink on open thin spikes in June. The flowers of 'Husker Red' reach a height of 2-3'.

### *About the Species:*

**Common Name:** Beard Tongue

**Family:** Scrophulariaceae

1" long, white tubular flowers in May to July attract long-tongued bees, butterflies & hummingbirds. Medium green foliage with reddish tints is semi-evergreen in warmer climates; remove flower stalks when brown.



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**Habitat:** Found in low, moist areas, wood margins, open woodlands and prairies.

**In the Garden:** An excellent cut flower easily grown if given adequate water in the summer to prolong bloom time, it can also handle quite a bit of dry sun.