

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"

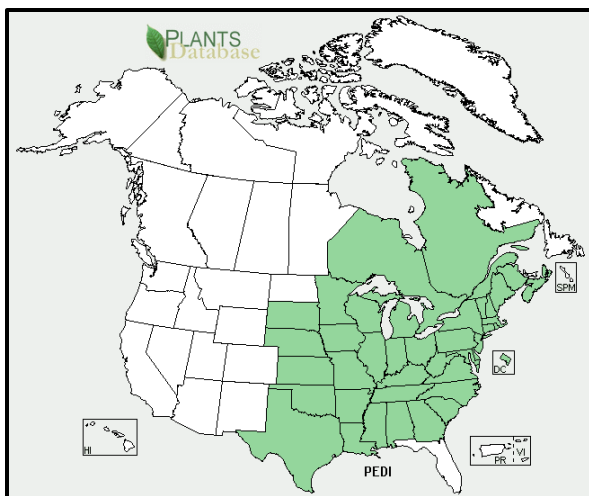
The 1996 Perennial of the Year and an American native, this under-used perennial has reddish-purple leaves and stems, is evergreen, and produces nodding, tubular white flower bells with just a hint of pink on open thin spikes in June. The flowers of 'Husker Red' reach a height of 2-3'.

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.



USDA Plants Database

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.