

# Penstemon digitalis • beardtongue

#### FOR GENERAL GROWING NOTES SEE "GENERAL GROWING PROTOCOLS" CARD

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS: white, tubular blooms. H= 3-5' Spread 1.5-2'

## **DESIRED SITE LOCATION & SPACING:**

- full sun to part shade
- dry to medium soil
- drought tolerance = medium
- 10" between plants and rows (recommended spacing (18-24")

## **ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS:**

- Wildlife: flowers attract hummingbirds and long-tongued bumblebees
- Conspicuous Flowers: yes
- Attracts: hummingbirds
- Nectar Source: yes





Seed Stratification Seed-Sow to Finished Plug Outplanting Flowering Period cool and moist, 30 – 60 days February to mid-May (14 weeks) late May - June June – July

### **SOWING & SEED DEPTH:**

- Sow 3 seeds per cell; cover with media equal to thickness of the seed (1/8")

## SEED COLLECTION:

- September
- harvest only top portion of stem with pods, leaving the remaining stem for overwintering insects
- harvest pods once they have turned to a dark brown
- seeds are mature when they rattle inside the pods when shaken
- remove pod husk from seed prior to storage

PESTS & DISEASE: none of note

