

Penstemon “Husker Red”
Penstemon digitalis ‘Husker Red’



This cultivar of our East Coast native is one of the few penstemons adaptable to wet winters and hot, humid summers. 'Husker Red' shines with ruby-toned leaves. Late spring and early summer brings sturdy 3-foot-high stems adorned by panicles of white blooms that entice bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies, but not deer or rabbits. In autumn and winter, songbirds feed on the seed. 'Husker Red' is stunning grown in groups.

Noteworthy characteristics: Attracts birds, butterflies, hummingbirds, native, showy flowers, showy foliage

Care: Provide full sun to light shade and average, well-drained soil. Stake plants if necessary.

Propagation: Divide plants in spring; take cuttings in summer; start seed indoors at 55-64°F.

Height: 1-3 ft.

Spread: 1-3 ft.

Light: Full sun to part shade

Moisture: Dry to moist

Tolerance: Deer tolerant, drought tolerant

Characteristics: Native, showy flowers, red to burgundy foliage

Bloom time: Early summer to mid fall

Flower color: White, long lasting blooms