

209. *Penstemon digitalis*

foxglove beardtongue

Plantaginaceae



Basic ID *white showy flowers with long upright stems*

Zone: 3 to 8

Type: herbaceous perennial

Height and spread: 5 ft/2 ft

Bloom time: April to June

Evergreen/deciduous: deciduous

Flower & Fall color: White

Leaf arrangement/Foliage: panicles atop erect, rigid stems

Flower/cone/fruit description(s): white, two-lipped, tubular flowers

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Common: *showy and neat*

Tough: tough (dry soil, drought)

Maintainence: Medium

Light: Full sun

Water use: Dry to medium

Soil requirement: average, dry to medium moisture, well-drained soil, Avoid wet, poorly drained soils.

Maintenance advice: N/A

Disease: No serious insect or disease problems. Root rot can occur in wet, poorly-drained soils. Leaf spots are occasional problems.

Invasive/poisonous: N/A

Easy to be noticed: medium

Usages

Useful cultivars and selections in Vancouver: "Husker Red"

Plant design combination: N/A

Suggested plant area: *Naturalize*, prairies, fields, wood margins, open woods and along railroad tracks

Texture: shiny texture

Form: upright

Special usages in landscape: *Good Cut, Attracts: Birds, Butterflies, Tolerate: Deer*