

Blackbeard Bearded Tongue



Penstemon 'Blackbeard'

- **Use:** Blackbeard was a famous English pirate known for his black facial hair. The name of this hardy perennial is a play on words from the common name for Penstemon, Beardtongue.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers full sun or at least 5-6 hours of afternoon sun. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Drought tolerant once established.
- **Growth:** Reaches 28-34" tall and 24" wide.
- **Hardiness: Zone 5-8;** Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The dark feature referenced on this plant is its incredible foliage.
- **Flower:** Dark purple flower stems hold its lilac purple flowers with their white flaring tubes high above the low mound of deep eggplant purple leaves. Attractive dark burgundy seed pods follow the flowering performance for extended seasonal interest. 'Blackbeard' stays strictly upright all season long with no lodging.

This one takes the heat and humidity in stride but is also very cold hardy. It continues to provide terrific color in the landscape all season long.