

# Dark Towers Bearded Tongue



Very drought tolerant perennials that are easy to grow and

are rarely bothered by insects or diseases. Plant them in full sun and watch as hummingbirds feast on their delicious nectar.

## *Penstemon 'Dark Towers'*

- **Use:** Glossy bronze-red foliage is topped with masses of pink flowers in July and August. Compared to 'Husker's Red', this beauty has much darker foliage which stays darker. Dale Lindgren of University of Nebraska created this dark leaf ultra-hardy, pink flowering form. A tough, carefree plant which tolerates high heat and humidity. A perfect dark background plant for the border. Hummingbirds and butterflies love this perennial, not to mention being deer resistant.
- **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, but can also handle wet soils if they drain.
- **Growth:** Grows quickly to 33" tall and plant them 30" apart.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8; Perennial
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Nearly black leaves. It has much darker foliage than 'Husker's Red' and pink rather than white flowers.
- **Flower:** The striking contrast of glowing shell pink flowers against nearly black leaves make it visually remarkable. Blooms May-October. Deadhead promptly for continual bloom.