

SUBGENUS: *PENSTEMON*

Section: *Ericopsis*

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CULTIVATION OF EACH SPECIES

Table 10

[subgenus]	PENSTEMON										
[section]	<i>Ambigui</i>	<i>Baccharifolii</i>	<i>Chamaeleon</i>	<i>Coerulei</i>	<i>Cristati</i>	<i>Ericopsis</i>	<i>Fasciculus</i>	<i>Peltanthera</i>	<i>Penstemon</i>		
[subsection]						<i>Caespitosi</i>	<i>Ericopsis</i> (1)	<i>Linaroides</i>			

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF PENSTEMONS IN SECTION *ERICOPSIS*

Species in the *Ericopsis* section usually are dwarf, subshrubs, and evergreen. The hallmark of the Section *Ericopsis* is their narrow linear leaves which somewhat resemble heath.. The corollas, which almost always are blue, have staminodes that are golden-bearded. Most are dryland plants that require low moisture, but high sunlight.



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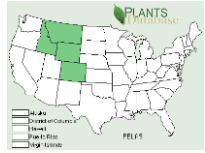


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Table 10. *Penstemon Ericopsis Ericopsis*

Key
 Column 1 SPECIES: _species name; plant height when in bloom; color(s) of flower; fill in lavender =popular; parenthesis = not reported in cultivation
 Column 3 CULTIVATION SUGGESTIONS:
 Row 1 SIZE OF FLOWER: **very large**=>1 ½ “ **large**=1-1 3/8” **medium**= ½ - 1” **small**= < ½ “
 Row 2 GENERAL DESCRIPTION
 Row 3: DISPLAY SUGGESTIONS
 Row 4: WHERE SPECIES HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CULTIVATED OUT OF NATIVE HABITAT

☀ full sun ☀ partial shade

Species	Bloom Season in Native Habitat	Cultivation Suggestions	Cultivation Needs			Elevation and Habitat	Distribution	Reported cold hardiness in cultivation
			Soil	Moisture	Sun			
<i>laricifolius</i>	June-July	medium glistening white flowers; dwarf grassy tufts; charming but not showy; few-flowered raceme with each cyme having 2-3 flowers needle-shaped forming dense rosettes at base long lived in west varieties: <i>exilifolius</i> 10” x 6” wide <i>laricifolius</i> 10” x 8” wide; various pink shades rock garden; trough cultivated in: NM, CO, MI, NY, Ont.		spring moisture to bloom		7300 dry rocky plains and foothills	n. CO, MT, WY 	Zone 3 -20°F in Denver

Most penstemons are visited by several bee species including honeybees and bumblebees. While hummingbirds prefer red penstemons, they commonly are seen at most penstemon species.

For more photos go to:

1. this website, Library tab
2. <http://plants.usda.gov/gallery.html>
3. <http://botu07.bio.uu.nl/spgm-1.4.4/gal/Penstemon/index.php?name=Penstemon%20-%2034k>