



Foxglove Beardtongue

Penstemon digitalis

Plant Description – native, herb/wildflower, semi-evergreen, perennial

Height: 3 – 5 ft **Width/Spread:** 1.5 – 2 ft



Leaves

Shape: lanceolate & elliptical

Arrangement: opposite

Margin: entire & dentate

Form: simple

Leaf Description: basal clusters of leaves are green with reddish tint, variable shape but typically elliptical, up to 6 inches long, smooth margins; flowering stalks emerge from these clusters and their opposite leaves are lanceolate with tiny teeth on the edges and a shiny surface

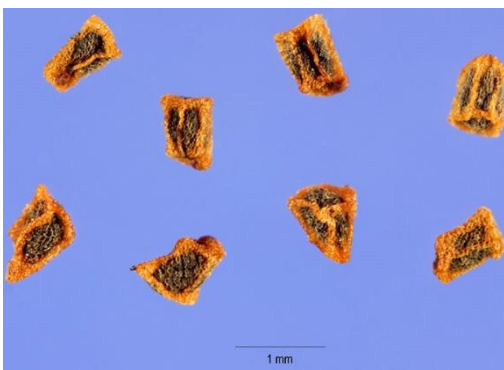
Flower/Bloom

Flower Color: white

In Bloom: May - Jul

Flower Shape: tubulate

Flower(s) Description: loose clusters of white, unevenly 5-lobed, 1-inch long flowers on top of upright stem; flowers grow in pairs from the upper leaf axils; outer surface of flowers is hairy; purple lines in throat of flower for bees; each flower has 5 stamens, one with a tuft of small hairs



Fruits & Seeds

Spreads via: Seeds & Rhizomes

Seed Type: Dry seed pod

Seed Season: Summer - Fall

Fruit and Seed Description: tan, oval capsules containing numerous brown, finely pitted, irregularly angled seeds

Ecological Benefits

Food source for Butterflies, Caterpillars (Chalcedony Midget Moth, Baltimore Checkerspot), Native Bees, Hummingbirds, and Other Birds

Maintenance Notes

Dormant in winter; prefers average watering