

# *Penstemon digitalis* 'Husker Red'



**Common Name:** beardtongue

**Missouri Native**

Family: Plantaginaceae

Height: 2.00 to 3.00 feet

Spread: 1.00 to 2.00 feet

Bloom Time: April to June

Bloom Description: White

Sun: Full sun

Water: Dry to medium

Maintenance: Low

Flower: Showy

Leaf: Colorful

Attracts: Hummingbirds, Butterflies

Tolerates: Deer, Drought, Clay Soil, Dry Soil

**Culture** Best grown in average, dry to medium moisture, well-drained soil in full sun. Tolerant of occasional drought and inundation once established. Can be grown in clay soils but avoid overly wet, poorly drained conditions.

Needs full sun for best foliage color.

**Noteworthy Characteristics** *Penstemon digitalis*, commonly called foxglove beardtongue, is a clump-forming, Missouri-native perennial which typically grows 3-5' tall and occurs in prairies, fields, wood margins, open woods and along railroad tracks. Features white, two-lipped, tubular flowers (to 1.25" long) borne in panicles atop erect, rigid stems. Flowers bloom mid-spring to early summer and are attractive to hummingbirds, butterflies, and other pollinators. Basal leaves are elliptic and stem leaves are lance-shaped to oblong.

'Husker Red' typically grows 2-3' tall. The leaves emerge in spring with deep maroon coloration but mature to dark green during the summer. Basal leaves are elliptic and stem leaves are lance-shaped to oblong. Perennial Plant Association Plant of the Year (1996).

Source: <https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder>