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# FOXGLOVE BEARDTONGUE

*Penstemon digitalis*

For an amazing spring show-stopper, this native plant can't be beat. It features white to pink, two-lipped, tubular flowers atop tall stems. Attracts a huge variety of pollinators and beneficial insects.

## Benefits for Wildlife

- Provides nectar for bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds
- Larger bees have to squeeze into the bloom to reach the nectar, and they get covered in pollen as they do!

Host to 8 caterpillar species:  
(common names) Chalcidony Midget;  
Geranium Plume Moth; Confused Haploa;  
American Bordered Sallow; Verbena Bud  
Moth; The Baltimore; Purple-Lined Sallow;  
Mouse-Colored Pyrophila

## Benefits for People

- Low maintenance and tolerates a variety of soils—sand, loam, and clay
- The name Beardtongue is derived from the small tuft of hairs found on the flower stamens

## Growing Information

*Sunlight* Full sun  
*Soil Type* Well-drained  
*Height* 3-5'  
*Width* 1-2'  
*Flowering calendar* May to July

## Natural Habitat

- Fields, woods margins, and open woods

