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Penstemon grandiflorus

[Synonyms : *Penstemon bradburii*]

LARGE BEARDTONGUE is a perennial. Native to North America (from north Dakota to Wyoming, Texas and Illinois) it has bell-shaped, pink to blue flowers with magenta nectar guides.

It is also known as Canterbury bells, Large flowered beardtongue, Large-flowered penstemon, Pink beardtongue, Shell-leaf penstemon, Showy beardtongue, and Wild foxglove.

Grandiflorus is made up of Latin *grandis* (large) and *-flora* (flowered) components.

Several North American Indian tribes identified medicinal virtues in large beardtongue. A leaf decoction was taken by the Pawnee to ease fever, the Dakota Indians cleared up chest pains with a root decoction, and the latter was also a Kiowa cure for stomach upsets.