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Penstemon pseudospectabilis

DESERT BEARDTONGUE is a perennial. Native to south-western North America (California to Arizona) and northern Mexico, it has yellow-tinged, pinkish-purple flowers with dark nectar guides.

It is also known as Arizona penstemon, Canyon penstemon, Desert penstemon, False spectacular penstemon, Rosy desert beardtongue, and Spectacular penstemon.

The flowers are pollinated by bees and humming birds drawn to the nectar.

Pseudospectabilis is made up of Greek *pseudo-* (false) and Latin *spectabilis* (notable, remarkable, worth seeing) components meaning ‘false *spectabilis*’ and draws attention to the plant’s similarity to a common coastal species found in southern California.