Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue

Penstemon pinifolius 'Mersea Yellow'



Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beardtongue

Description:

One of the few true yellow cultivars, this variety produces stunning lemon yellow tubular flowers; low maintenance and attracts hummingbirds and pollinators; a great sunny addition to garden beds, borders or rock gardens



Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue in bloom
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Ornamental Features

Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue features delicate spikes of lemon yellow tubular flowers with yellow overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer. Its grassy leaves remain green in color throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. It brings an extremely fine and delicate texture to the garden composition and should be used to full effect.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and is best cleaned up in early spring before it resumes active growth for the season. It is a good choice for attracting butterflies and hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average conditions that are neither too wet nor too dry, and is very intolerant of standing water. To help this plant achive its best flowering performance, periodically apply a flower-boosting fertilizer from early spring through into the active growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This is a selection of a native North American species. It can be propagated by division; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Penstemon, Mersea Yellow Pineleaf Beard Tongue is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.