Silverton® Bluemat Penstemon

Penstemon linarioides 'P014S'



Silverton Bluemat Penstemon flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 8 inches

Flower Height: 12 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Other Names: Beardtongue, P. linarioides ssp. coloradoensis

Description:

This selection features spreading mounds of silvery, evergreen foliage that remains attractive all year; pretty spikes of lavender-blue flowers top the plants in late spring; does not like frequent irrigation; deadhead to avoid seed set for first 2 years



Silverton Bluemat Penstemon in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Silverton Bluemat Penstemon has masses of beautiful spikes of lavender tubular flowers with sky blue overtones rising above the foliage from late spring to early summer, which are most effective when planted in groupings. The flowers are excellent for cutting. Its attractive small narrow leaves remain green in color with hints of silver throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Silverton Bluemat Penstemon is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Self-Seeding

Silverton Bluemat Penstemon is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Rock/Alpine Gardens
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Silverton Bluemat Penstemon will grow to be about 8 inches tall at maturity extending to 12 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It is considered to be drought-tolerant, and thus makes an ideal choice for a low-water garden or xeriscape application. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. 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.

Silverton Bluemat Penstemon 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 and foliage 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.