

## ***Penstemon digitalis* - Tall White Beardtongue**



Native to meadows, prairies, fields, woodland edges, and waste areas of the eastern and southeastern United States, tall white beardtongue is a low maintenance perennial, growing 2-4 (5) feet tall by 18 inches wide. White or light pink, tubular, one-inch flowers bloom in late spring to early summer. Tall white beardtongue is hardier and longer-lived than other species of this genus.

Hardy to USDA zone 3 (-40 degrees F), tall white beardtongue grows well in sandy to loamy, rich, well-drained soil. Plants will tolerate moist, even wet soils; are drought and salt tolerant; and have good erosion control. Deadhead stems to a lateral leaf after flowering and then cut to basal growth as old foliage declines in late summer. Divide plants every 4-6 years. Tall white beardtongue is a good cut flower and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Plants are deer resistant.