

CARDINAL PENSTEMON

PENSTEMON CARDINALIS

THIS PENSTEMON, NATIVE TO NEW MEXICO AND TEXAS, IS ONE BIG, LUSCIOUS PLANT. UNUSUAL FOR A PENSTEMON, IT KEEPS MOST OF THE ROUNDED LEAVES NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE PLANT, REACHING SKYWARD WITH THE SPARSELY FOLIAGED BLOOMING STEMS TO 3 1/2' IN HEIGHT. TOLERANT OF DROUGHT, IT IS WELL ADAPTED TO LIFE IN HOT, SUNNY ENVIRONMENTS, BUT ALSO BLOOMS WELL AND LOOKS (DARE WE SAY IT?) EVEN MORE STUNNING IN A PARTIALLY SHADED AREA WHERE IT REMINDS US OF A GIGANTIC HEUCHERA. IT IS NOT COMMON TO FIND SUCH DROUGHT-TOLERANCE COMBINED WITH SUCH A LUSH APPEARANCE, AND, AS SUCH, IT IS A GREAT PLANT FOR FAUX ENGLISH GARDENS. THE BRIGHT RED BLOSSOMS ARRANGED ON TALL WANDS DRIVE THE HUMMINGBIRDS WILD WHEN IT BLOOMS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD IN MIDSUMMER TRULY, AN EXCEPTIONALLY BEAUTIFUL PLANT!

SUN TO PARTIAL SHADE



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