

GREAT PLANT PICKS

Penstemon Field Evaluation Report 12 June 2002

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All plants were given a numerical score from 1 (worst) to five (best). Scores on this report reflect the average of five to eight individual scores.

Penstemon	Overall Score	Habit Quality	Foliage Quality	Stem Color	Fruit/ Flower Production	Disease Pest Resistance	Comments	Image
<i>Penstemon</i> 'Bev Jensen' *	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.3	4.0	upright, dense, mounding habit, flower large, showy, and hot pink with white throat, down-facing foliage light medium green	
<i>P.</i> 'Blackbird'	4.5	4.0	4.1	5.0	4.7	4.5	tall, upright habit, not floppy, foliage clean medium dark green, dull, flower dark purple with many blooms on a stem, buds smaller than 'Raven' and flowers remain tubular not developing a flair as do those of 'Raven', stems reddish-purple contrast well with foliage, good second bloom, can become woody at base	
<i>P.</i> 'Midnight'	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.0	3.8	3.7	upright habit, medium green, narrow recurved foliage, flowers profuse, purple-blue with light white veined throat; they hang in clusters, flowers can be lost in the foliage, stems green	
<i>P.</i> 'Enor' *	4.0	4.4	4.6	3.0	4.1	4.0	tidy upright habit, foliage keeps glossy green color in heat and holds well through the winter, purple-red flower open at tip	
<i>P.</i> 'Garnet'	3.6	3.3	3.9	3.5	4.0	3.3	floppy habit, foliage glossy, medium green, elongated almost willowy, stems dark purple-red, blooms garnet red with a large flair, some leaf spot, established plant 3' x 3'	
<i>P.</i> 'Ghent'= 'Ghent Purple'	4.2	4.6	4.1	3.0	4.6	4.7	compact mounding habit to 18", foliage short, narrow and bright green with serrated edges, flowers are purple with a speckled white throat held nicely above the foliage, no disease problems	

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<i>P.</i> 'Raven'	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.0	4.7	4.5	tall tidy upright habit, foliage glossy green somewhat wide, flowers reddish-purple with a white throat and flared lip, they are down facing and long held, plant disease free in full sun	
<i>P.</i> 'Red Rock' *	4.8	4.6	4.4	5.0	4.8	5.0	pleasing mounding habit; not at all floppy, (if not overfed) foliage medium green, somewhat glossy narrow almost needle-like, flower small, rosy magenta with a white throat and flared lip, flowering profuse, flowers and foliage mix, no disease problems, can be woody at base	
<i>P.</i> 'Rich Ruby'	3.8	3.6	3.7	4.0	4.2	3.3	taller upright bushy habit, foliage medium green, medium wide, and clean, flowers long, narrow and deep burgundy, held at top above the foliage, stems dark red-purple, can be woody at base	

Notes: The asterisk (*) beside the plant name indicates that the plant name was not verified. The GPP committee uses the latest edition of the **RHS Plant Finder** as the primary source for verifying botanical names.