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Tall/White Beardtongue *Penstemon digitalis*

- 2-4 ft tall, native: NJ & northeastern North America, perennial
- White flower spikes bloom May to July
- Dry to average soil, sun to part shade, semi-dormant in winter
- Semi-evergreen/basal rosette remains burgundy/green in winter
- Good rain garden plant, good cut flower
- Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, bees and moths
- Tolerates drought, clay, acid soil, black walnut, deer
- Easy from seed, collect seed capsules when tan June – August
- Allow seed capsules to dry, then crush and shake out seeds
- Store seeds cold and dry to maintain dormancy
- Small seeds, press into moist soil surface, do not cover with soil
- Outdoors all winter, or 8 weeks moist at 40°F to break dormancy
- Move to 70°F with light, indoors or outdoors in spring, to germinate