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Penstemon hirsutus

This North American native is a great attraction for pollinators, particularly bees and hummingbirds. It is also listed as a host and nectar source for the rare and threatened Baltimore Checkerspot butterfly. The tubular flowers are light purple on the outside with white interiors, blooming from late spring to early summer. The tall stems add great vertical dimension to a green roof! This plant requires some shade and irrigation to thrive in hot, dry locations. Like most perennials on green roofs, this plant will benefit from a deeper soil profile or an area of mounded green roof media (6+ in. depth)

CHARACTERISTICS

Foliage Color: Green

Flower Color: White – light purple

Bloom Time: Spring to early summer

Winter Interest: Green

BOTANICAL INFORMATION

Place of Origin: Eastern North America

Hardiness Zone: 4

Height: 16” Spread: 12”

Self-sowing: No

Light Requirement: Full sun to part shade

Plant Use: Accent

PLANT SIZE

Deep nursery plug
3” deep x 1.5” across at the top

PLANT SPACING

Typically planted at 2-3 plugs per square foot

PLANTING MEDIUM

Green Roof Growing Medium
6” Min. Depth

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