Rocky Ledge Penstemon
*Penstemon ellipticus*

**Description:** Fairly low-growing and shrubby. Large lavender-purple flowers grow on short 6 in. tall stems between June and September. Glossy green leaves are oval and about 1 in. long.

**Habitat:** Found mostly above 3000 ft. in our area. Grows exclusively on rocky cliffs and ledges.

**Landscape Uses:** This plant is very similar to the Shrubby Penstemon and differs only in leaf shape. Needs very good drainage and a sunny spot to do well. A choice rock garden plant that will attract hummingbirds and butterflies. Over time, will produce a large mat.

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