## Plant Propagation Protocol for Penstemon barrettiae

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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	TAXONOMY	
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	Scrophulariaceae 10	
Common Name	Figwort Family <sup>10</sup>	
Species Scientific Name		
Scientific Name	Penstemon barrettiae A. Gray <sup>10</sup>	
Varieties	N/A	
Sub-species	N/A	
Cultivar	Gina <sup>5</sup>	
Common Synonym(s)	N/A	
Common Name(s)	Barrett's beardtongue, Barrett's penstemon <sup>10</sup>	
Species Code (as per USDA Plants	PEBA7 10	
database)		
GENERAL INFORMATION		
Geographical range	Symbol: PEBA7	

	♦ NRCS   PLANTS: British Columbia
	Whatcom  Skagit  Okanogan  Ferry  Stevens  Shagit  Okanogan  Ferry  Stevens  Shagit  Okanogan  Ferry  Stevens  Spokane  Lincoln  Spokane  King  Washington  Kittlas  Grant  Adams  Whitman  Padfic  Lewis  Yakima  Berton  Walla Walla Columbia  Symbolic PEBA7  Gillam  Morrow  Umatilla  NRCS IN STANOBERSON  NRCS IN STANOBERSON
Ecological distribution	<i>P. barrettiae</i> can be found in rocky habitats <sup>9</sup> , basalt cliffs, and talus slopes <sup>8</sup>
Climate and elevation range	Penstemon barrettiae cannot handle extreme winter or
Cilinate and elevation range	summer temperatures, <sup>9</sup> prefers winter shade in cold
	climates, <sup>5</sup> and is found at low elevation <sup>9</sup> but has been
	found up to 3200 ft. <sup>1</sup>
Local habitat and abundance	P. barrettiae is considered a threatened species in
	Washington state and Orgeon, with threats including recreation, collection, herbicide use, and timber harvest. It is found only in a handful of areas on the Columbia Gorge of south central Washington and north central Oregon, and along tributary rivers. <sup>37</sup> It is sometimes found with sagebrush <sup>7</sup> and is associated with <i>Lomatium suksdorfii</i> , <i>Penstemon richardsonii</i> , and <i>Erigonum</i> spp. <sup>6</sup>
	Conservation Status: Threatened <sup>10</sup>
Plant strategy type / successional stage	
Plant characteristics	Long lived perennial, subshrub, forb/herb, forming dense clumps. <sup>5786</sup> <i>P. barrettiae</i> is branched and shrubby growing up to 40 cm tall with very large 1 ½ in. lilac colored flowers that are long lived. <sup>9217</sup> Leaves are opposite, evergreen, and blue to gray green with entire or toothed margins. <sup>1</sup>
PROP	AGATION DETAILS
Ecotype	N/A
Propagation Goal	Plants
Propagation Method	Seed
Product Type	Container (plug)

Stock Type	N/A	
Time to Grow	N/A	
Target Specifications	N/A	
Propagule Collection Instructions	P. barrettiae is considered a threatened species and	
Tropaguic Concetion instructions	seeds should not be collected from plants in the wild	
	and instead obtained from local nurseries <sup>7</sup>	
Propagule Processing/Propagule	N/A	
Characteristics	10/11	
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	Cold moist stratification is needed to break dormancy,	
The Flanting Fropaguic Treatments	seeds will begin to germinate after 8 weeks. <sup>4</sup>	
	Penstemon seeds usually have higher germination rates	
	after being stored dry for 6 months to a year in paper	
	envelopes in a cool dry area <sup>4</sup>	
Growing Area Preparation / Annual	Use a soilless mixture consisting of perlite or	
Practices for Perennial Crops	vermiculite that is dampened. Clean sand can also be	
l comment of the control of the cont	used with the perlite and vermiculite. Use less	
	vermiculite for <i>P. barrettiae</i> since it grows in drier	
	conditions <sup>4</sup>	
Establishment Phase Details	When seeds have germinated immediately plant them	
	into prepared pots and place the pots in an area where	
	they receive bright light and warm temperatures.	
	Diluted fertilizer can be used until leaves emerge. The	
	seedlings should be kept at a temperature between 40-	
	60 degrees F on a long day schedule to prevent them	
	from drying out and disease <sup>4</sup>	
Length of Establishment Phase	N/A	
Active Growth Phase	Plant in individual pots with mix of garden soil, sand,	
	or pumice at sight of leaves and then slowly expose	
	them to outdoor temperature, placing pots outside when	
	the weather is warm and then back under the lights if	
	the temperature drops <sup>4</sup>	
Length of Active Growth Phase	N/A	
Hardening Phase	N/A	
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Harvesting, Storage and Shipping	N/A	
Length of Storage	N/A	
Guidelines for Outplanting /	When seedlings have 2-3 pairs of leaves plant in	
Performance on Typical Sites	prepared beds. At this stage some protection such as	
	row cover should be used for a week <sup>4</sup>	
Other Comments	P. barrettiae should not be collected in the wild, as this	
	is one of current threats to the species and instead seeds	
	or plants should be bought from local nurseries <sup>3 1</sup>	
INFORMATION SOURCES		
References	See below	
Other Sources Consulted		

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