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Robert Nold : Penstemons before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Penstemons:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. PenstemonsBy Larry L DeavenThis is a well written book by an authority on this genus of plants. It is well organized, and it includes definitive descriptions of each species in this large and complex genus. This book is highly recommended for serious students of penstemons as well as for all gardeners interested in plants with beautiful flowers that are adaptable to formal and informal settings.15 of 18 people

found the following review helpful. Not very useful for general horticultural purposes
By David W. Pittelli
This book is of great merit for some potential readers, but is not useful for the majority of gardeners, for a number of reasons:
1) The bulk of the book is textual and technical species descriptions, useful only for botanists and those aiming to collect from the wild.
2) The photos are a very limited selection compared to the above and they are inconveniently placed in two "plates" sections in the middle of the book (an understandable decision as it keeps production costs down).
3) The species descriptions and especially the photos are very heavily focused on the Western semi-desert, mountainous and scree-living species. That may reflect the reality of the Penstemon's origins, but I think many, if not most potential purchasers of a book on Penstemons would be interested in more coverage of plants useful in a conventional garden scheme. But such plants and their cultural requirements take up maybe 5% of this book.
In short, if you are a Western-highland gardener looking for species xeriscape plants, this book will prove useful. If you are a botanist, or if you aim to collect, breed and hybridize Penstemons, then this book is of even greater value. But if you want to add Penstemons to a more conventional garden scheme, then it is close to useless.
9 of 18 people found the following review helpful.
An indispensable guide and reference for gardeners.
By Midwest Book Review
Packed with color photos and botanical illustrations is this intriguing guide to penstemons, outlining a wide range of species both common and rare. Enjoy a range of choices which can be used in both dry and marshy gardens across the country, concluded by a mail order source guide.

With some 270 species, Penstemon is the largest genus endemic to North America, with examples to be found in every state in the continental U.S. Penstemons are particularly beloved by rock gardeners, but as Panayoti Kelaidis points out in his foreword, they belong in every garden, since one penstemon or another will thrive in virtually any microclimate a garden can contrive, from hot, desert exposures to dank shade.

The only book I know that gives up-to-date information about this genus of about 250 species of very desirable, dependable flowering plants. . . . Its the perfect book to give someone if you are trying to stimulate interest in perennial gardening.
The Washington Post
Nolds enthusiasm for penstemons is so strong that the reader will be tempted to try these plants in the rock garden, perennial border, native plant area or in containers.
National Gardener
Nolds dual perspectives, botany and horticulture, have merged into a beautifully written book about a genus he clearly loves, Penstemon.
American Gardener
Usefully illustrated with wonderful botanical watercolours and with photographs which show the plants in their natural (and often unlikely) conditions.
Gardens Illustrated
The book will be of great value to any student of the genus, botanical or horticultural, and essential for any botanical or horticultural library.
Choice
The style is humorous and readable. . . . beautiful watercolors as well as many pages of color photographs. . . . this is a great book to take road-botanizing at penstemon bloom time.
Rock Garden Quarterly
If you are a frustrated, wanna-be penstemon gardener, be sure to read this book.
WaterWise
The authors enthusiasm for penstemons is so persuasive that the reader will surely be tempted to experiment with a broader range of these versatile plants in the perennial border or in the rock garden.
Biology Digest
You will find plenty of good, accessible information here, with a glossary to explain some of those scary technical words. Most importantly, Nolds enthusiasm for penstemons is contagious and I think will encourage any reader to try growing them.
Manchester (CT) Journal Inquirer
This book stands out from many other horticultural works due to the clarity of its style and the balance of its perspective.
Plant Science Bulletin