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A NEW STATUS FOR *PENSTEMON CYANANTHUS* HOOK. Ssp. *SUBGLABER* PENNELL (SCROPHULARIACEAE)

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Abstract.—*Penstemon cyananthus* Hook. ssp. *subglaber* Pennell, a plant found frequently in northwestern Utah, southeastern Idaho, and southeastern Wyoming, is elevated to species status. A new name, *Penstemon holmgrenii* Clark is proposed because *P. subglaber* is preoccupied.

*Penstemon cyananthus* Hook. ssp. *subglaber* Pennell is a tall, densely puberulent to pubescent, blue-flowered plant found commonly within sage and pinyon-juniper areas of northwestern Utah, southeastern Idaho, and southwestern Wyoming. Pennell described it in 1920 and separated it from *P. cyananthus* ssp. *cyananthus* on the basis that the leaves of the subspecies are more lanceolate and more densely puberulent. Investigations by this writer suggest, however, that other differences exist. *Penstemon cyananthus* ssp. *cyananthus* is never pubescent. The staminode of *P. cyananthus* ssp. *subglaber* is densely covered with long yellow hairs, and the two taxa are not sympatric. These differences suggest to the writer that the subspecies should be elevated to species status.


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