Barbara Rogers Begonia

Begonia 'Barbara Rogers'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Semperflorens, Fibrous

Group/Class: Wax Begonia



Barbara Rogers Begonia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Description:

Dark green, fan shaped foliage adorns upright stems that may grow quite tall; adorned with large white flowers from early summer to fall; attracts hummingbirds; excellent for containers and borders

Ornamental Features

Barbara Rogers Begonia features dainty white orchid-like flowers with shell pink overtones and yellow throats at the ends of the stems from early summer to mid fall. Its attractive succulent fan-shaped leaves remain dark green in color throughout the year. The brick red stems are very colorful and add to the overall interest of the plant.

Landscape Attributes

Barbara Rogers Begonia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.



Barbara Rogers Begonia in bloom
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This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Barbara Rogers Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

Barbara Rogers Begonia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 20 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Barbara Rogers Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.