

Rubra Lily Pad Begonia

Begonia nelumbiifolia 'Rubra'



Rubra Lily Pad Begonia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 28 inches

Spread: 30 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 9

Other Names: Lilypad Begonia, Lotus Leaved Begonia

Description:

An outstanding begonia with huge, rounded glossy green leaves for a great visual impact; clusters of cream blooms rise above the foliage in late winter into spring; grows well with some humidity, mist frequently in dry environments

Features & Attributes

Rubra Lily Pad Begonia features dainty clusters of creamy white flowers rising above the foliage from late winter to early spring. Its attractive large glossy round leaves remain dark green in color with distinctive crimson veins throughout the year.

This is a dense herbaceous evergreen houseplant with a mounded form. This plant usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning.

Planting & Growing

When grown indoors, Rubra Lily Pad Begonia can be expected to grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 30 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. This houseplant performs well in both bright or indirect sunlight and strong artificial light, and can therefore be situated in almost any well-lit room or location. It does best in average to evenly moist soil, but will not tolerate standing water. The surface of the soil shouldn't be allowed to dry out completely, and so you should expect to water this plant once and possibly even twice each week. Be aware that your particular watering schedule may vary depending on its location in the room, the pot size, plant size and other conditions; if in doubt, ask one of our experts in the store for advice. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soil. Contact the store for specific recommendations on pre-mixed potting soil for this plant.

There are many factors that will affect the ultimate height, spread and overall performance of a plant when grown indoors; among them, the size of the pot it's growing in, the amount of light it receives, watering frequency, the pruning regimen and repotting schedule. Use the information described here as a guideline only; individual performance can and will vary. Please contact the store to speak with one of our experts if you are interested in further details concerning recommendations on pot size, watering, pruning, repotting, etc.

-- THIS IS A HOUSEPLANT AND IS NOT MEANT TO SURVIVE THE WINTER OUTDOORS IN OUR CLIMATE --