Cocoa™ Enchanted Moonlight Begonia

Begonia 'Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight'



Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight Begonia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 14 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 8

Description:

An outstanding shrub type variety that features clusters of large bright white flowers contrasting against deep chocolate brown foliage; large upright plants perform wonderfully in patio containers and garden beds

Ornamental Features

Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight Begonia features showy nodding white orchid-like flowers with yellow throats at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with hints of dark brown throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight 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.

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. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight Begonia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 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 only be grown in a well-shaded location. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate 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.

Cocoa Enchanted Moonlight Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It can be used either as 'filler' or as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, depending on the height and form of the other plants used in the container planting. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.