Viking™ Explorer Red on Green Begonia

Begonia 'Viking Explorer Red on Green'



Viking Explorer Red on Green Begonia flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 inches

Spread: 3 feet

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: Viking Explorer Series

Description:

This early flowering, trailing begonia stuns with its large, bright red flowers cascading from green glossy foliage; an all weather selection, perfect for patio containers, hanging baskets or in used the garden; heat and humidity tolerant; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

Viking Explorer Red on Green Begonia features dainty nodding red orchid-like flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its serrated lobed leaves remain green in color throughout the season.



Viking Explorer Red on Green Begonia in bloom
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Landscape Attributes

Viking Explorer Red on Green Begonia is an herbaceous annual with a trailing habit of growth, eventually spilling over the edges of hanging baskets and containers. 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 plant will require occasional maintenance 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Viking Explorer Red on Green Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Viking Explorer Red on Green Begonia will grow to be about 20 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. 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. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in 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 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. 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.

Viking Explorer Red on Green 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 trailing habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.