Hardy Begonia

Begonia grandis var. evansiana



Hardy Begonia flowers
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Plant Height: 18 inches

Flower Height: 24 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

An outstanding hardy begonia with a mounding habit of olive green leaves with red veining; pink blooms of dangle in clusters along the branches; a great addition to gardens or containers; shade tolerant; deadhead to extend bloom period

Ornamental Features

Hardy Begonia features dainty clusters of pink bell-shaped flowers dangling from the stems from mid summer to mid fall. Its attractive small oval leaves remain olive green in color with distinctive red veins throughout the year. The brick red stems can be quite attractive.

Landscape Attributes

Hardy Begonia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with a mounded form. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds, bees and butterflies to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Hardy Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Hardy Begonia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity extending to 24 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 24 inches. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well 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. This plant should not require much in the way of fertilizing once established, although it may appreciate a shot of general-purpose fertilizer from time to time early in the growing season. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This species is not originally from North America.

Hardy 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.