T-REX® Ruby Slippers Begonia

Begonia 'Ruby Slippers'



T-REX Ruby Slippers Begonia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 28 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: T-Rex Series

Description:

An outstanding shade begonia, producing large colorful, deep ruby red, glossy leaves with touches of black on the center and midribs; pink flowers appear atop during the summer months; excellent for patio containers and hanging baskets; low maintenance

Ornamental Features

T-REX Ruby Slippers Begonia features dainty semi-double shell pink frilly flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its pointy palmate leaves remain ruby-red in color with showy black variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

T-REX Ruby Slippers Begonia is an herbaceous annual 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

T-REX Ruby Slippers Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

T-REX Ruby Slippers Begonia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 28 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. The flower stalks can be weak and so it may require staking in exposed sites or excessively rich soils. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in a well-shaded location. 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. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. 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.

T-REX Ruby Slippers 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. 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.