T REX® St. Nick Begonia

Begonia 'St. Nick'

Height: 16 inches

Spread: 16 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Group/Class: T REX Series

Description:

An outstanding begonia presenting large, exotic leaves with red centers surrounded by emerald green and white polka dots; lovely pink flowers are produced throughout the season; grows well in humid conditions

Ornamental Features

T REX St. Nick Begonia features dainty clusters of fragrant pink star-shaped flowers with gold centers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive large serrated lobed leaves remain green in color with showy red variegation and tinges of white throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

T REX St. Nick Begonia is a dense 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 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.

T REX St. Nick Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



T REX St. Nick Begonia
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T REX St. Nick Begonia foliage
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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

Planting & Growing

T REX St. Nick Begonia will grow to be about 16 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Although it's not a true annual, this fast-growing 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 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 particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.

T REX St. Nick Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.