

Wax Begonia

Begonia semperflorens



'Big Green Leaf Red'



'Big Bronze Leaf Rose'



Big Red Bronze Leaf Improved

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Family: Begoniaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous

Leaf Color: dark green or bronze, often with red margins

Fall Color: n/a

Flower Time: all summer

Flower Color: shades of white, pink, red or bi-color.

Fruit: inconspicuous winged capsule

Light: full sun to full shade

Moisture: moist, well-drained to a little dry

USDA Hardiness

Zones: 10-11

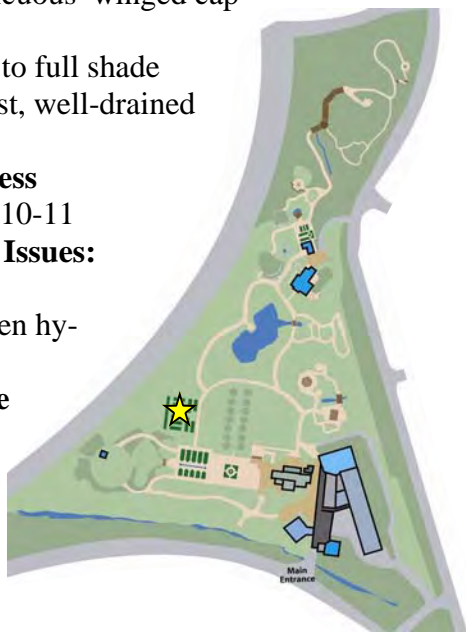
Insect/Disease Issues:

None serious

Nativity: garden hybrid

Location in the Gardens:

Trial Garden



Landscape Value:

This tropical perennial plant is often grown as an annual. It is a great alternative to the impatiens as they grow about the same size and like similar light and soil conditions. Plants tolerate a wide range of light conditions, but prefer part shade which is where they flower best. Plants need well-drained, moist soils but tolerate dry conditions. Plants are good for bedding and containers. Rabbits often (but not always) leave them alone. Plants can be propagated by seed, but it is difficult as the seed is very small and hard to germinate. They can be overwintered as

Notes:

Notable cultivars include:

‘Cocktail’ Series—early flowering, 6” tall with bronze/maroon foliage.

‘Queen’ Series—double flowering with green leaves

‘Paint Splash Pink’ - green foliage spotted and splashed with cream colors.

Months of Interest:

| Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr |
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| May | Jun | Jul | Aug |
| Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |