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NANTUCKET

Fireworks Begonia

Begonia rex 'Fireworks'



Fireworks Begonia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An outstanding begonia with striking silver-white leaves with rosy edges, and deep burgundy veins for a visual impact in the garden; pink blooms add to the appeal; upright habit; grows well in humid conditions

Ornamental Features

Fireworks Begonia features dainty clusters of fragrant pink star-shaped flowers with gold centers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive crinkled oval leaves remain silver in color with distinctive burgundy veins and tinges of rose throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Fireworks Begonia is a dense multi-stemmed 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.

Fireworks Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

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Planting & Growing

Fireworks Begonia will grow to be about 10 inches tall at maturity extending to 16 inches tall with the flowers, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 16 inches apart. 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 be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider covering it with a thick layer of mulch in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Fireworks Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. 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.

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