

RED DRAGON WING® BEGONIA

Begonia x hybrida Dragon Wing Red



Characteristics

- Type: Annual
- Zone: 10 to 11
- Height: 15-18 Inches
- Spread: 15-18 Inches
- Bloom Time: May to frost
- Bloom Description: Red
- Sun: Full shade, part sun
- Water: Average
- Maintenance: Low
- Flower: Showy
- Tolerate: Heavy Shade, Dry Soil, Black Walnut
- Attracts: Hummingbirds

Culture

Dragon Wing® Red Begonia is noted for its tolerance to hot and humid summers. It is easily grown in average to moderately fertile, moist, well-drained soils in full sun to full shade. It appreciates some afternoon shade. It is known for its lush and attractive angel wing leaf shape, shiny dark green foliage, and clusters of scarlet-red flowers. The flowers are 1-1.5 inches across and grow in clusters of 5-6 inches across. Tolerates heat and humidity better than most! Scarlet red flowers give a nearly non-stop show, brightening borders in dappled shade to part sun. Lustrous foliage becomes bronze-tinged in sun. A tender perennial in mild-winter areas; superb annual elsewhere. Great in containers, indoors or out.

Noteworthy Characteristics

Dragon Wing® Red Begonia is a compact F1 hybrid begonia that features angel wing-like, shiny green leaves and large drooping scarlet flowers. It is a compact, bushy, fibrous-rooted plant that typically forms dense mounds to 15-18" tall and as wide of fleshy, semi-trailing stems. It is a superb annual for shaded areas, with flowers reliably blooming throughout the growing season.

Problems

Subject to whitefly, thrips, mites and mealybug. Watch for powdery mildew and root & stem rots.

Garden Uses

Hanging baskets, window boxes, containers or bedding areas. Good plant for accent or edging in shade gardens.