



Fireworks Begonia

Begonia rex 'Fireworks'

Plant Height: 10 inches

Flower Height: 16 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 16 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: 9

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



Fireworks Begonia foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

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. It has attractive silver foliage with burgundy veins and tinges of rose. The crinkled oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain silver throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Fireworks Begonia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, 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



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. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub should be grown in a location with partial shade. Keep it 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. 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 makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use 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 grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.