East Bay Nursery

BabyWing® Bicolor Begonia

Begonia 'BabyWing Bicolor'

Height: 12 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Cane, Angel Wing

Group/Class: Wax Begonia

Description:

An upright, mounded selection that provides season-long maintenance-free beauty in landscapes and containers; very floriferous; heat tolerant and handles stressful conditions well

Ornamental Features

BabyWing Bicolor Begonia features dainty nodding coral-pink orchid-like flowers with white overtones and yellow throats at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its attractive small glossy pointy leaves remain green in color with distinctive dark red edges throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

BabyWing Bicolor Begonia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial 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.



BabyWing Bicolor Begonia flowers
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BabyWing Bicolor Begonia in bloom
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This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

BabyWing Bicolor Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



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Planting & Growing

BabyWing Bicolor Begonia will grow to be about 12 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 3 years. As an evegreen perennial, this plant will typically keep its form and foliage year-round.

This plant should be grown in a location with partial shade or which is shaded from the hot afternoon sun. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

BabyWing Bicolor 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.