



## Bettina Rothschild Begonia

*Begonia rex 'Bettina Rothschild'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 24 inches

Sunlight: **☉**

Hardiness Zone: 9b

### Description:

An outstanding begonia with lovely deep green and crimson leaves for a visual impact in the garden; white blooms with hints of shell pink are produced throughout the season; grows well in humid conditions

### Ornamental Features

Bettina Rothschild Begonia features dainty clusters of fragrant white star-shaped flowers with shell pink overtones and gold centers at the ends of the branches from mid spring to mid fall. It has attractive dark green foliage with crimson veins. The crinkled oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

### Landscape Attributes

Bettina Rothschild Begonia is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a more or less rounded 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.

Bettina Rothschild Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting



*Bettina Rothschild Begonia in bloom*  
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## Planting & Growing

Bettina Rothschild Begonia will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 24 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 24 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 applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Bettina Rothschild Begonia makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. 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.