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Whopper® Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia

Begonia 'Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf'

Height: 30 inches

Spread: 24 inches

Spacing: 20 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 9b

Other Names: Semperflorens, Fibrous

Group/Class: Wax Begonia

Description:

This series of begonias provides robust plants that perform well in the landscape or containers; oversized red or rose blooms against green or bronze foliage over a very long season

Ornamental Features

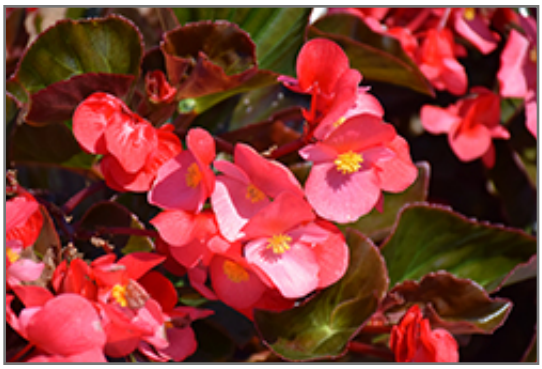
Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia features dainty clusters of rose orchid-like flowers with yellow throats at the ends of the stems from mid to early winter. Its attractive glossy heart-shaped leaves remain coppery-bronze in color throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

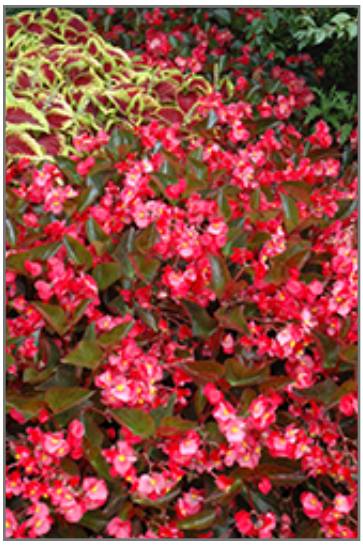
Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia is an herbaceous evergreen perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



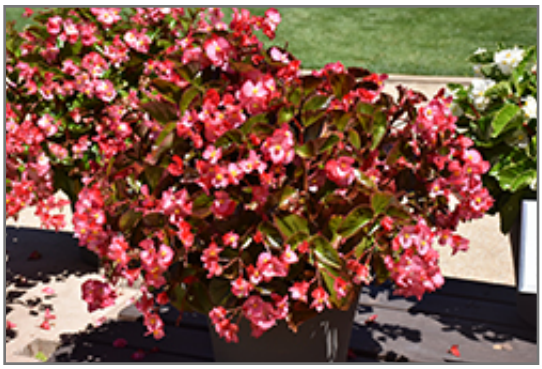
Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia flowers
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Planting & Growing

Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia will grow to be about 30 inches 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 20 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 does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers dry to average moisture levels with very well-drained soil, and will often die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. 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.

Whopper Rose Bronze Leaf Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use 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 growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.