

Botanical Name: Begonia rex-cultorum

Common Name: Rex begonia

Type of Plant: houseplant/patio Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape spreading, upright to sprawling plants with thick,  
running rhizomes, fuzzy brightly colored foliage

Height to 18" Spread to 3' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out partial sun outdoors; bright light/humidity indoors

Soil likes very well drained soil (peat/perlite mix)

Hardiness tender outdoors, greenhouse conditions indoors

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, usually sharply lobed, sometimes ovate;  
purple, reddish brown, spotted or striped with green or silver

Flowers flattened pink, white or pale red flowers

Fruit small capsule

Propagation: division, leaf cuttings, seed

Usage: specimen plants used for foliage more than flowers.

Good in hanging baskets, in large pots - normally used alone

Landscape Care:

Watering can be kept fairly dry -- but need regular water  
during growing season.

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, 2X/mo. growing season

Pruning remove spent flowers, dead leaves

Pests/Diseases mealybug, whitefly,

Special Conditions Foliage tip-burn if low humid. or bright light

Origin: hybrid Family: Begoniaceae