

Begonia foliosa var. miniata

COMMON NAME

Fuchsia begonia

SYNONYMS

Begonia fuchsioides Begonia foliosa var. miniata is "... probably a hybrid or a selection of Begonia fuchsioides as the species actually has bright red flowers."

http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=2202

FAMILY

Begoniaceae

AUTHORITY

Begonia foliosa var. miniata (Planch. & Linden) L.B.Sm. & B.G.Schub.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Erect sub-shrub with slender stems to 50 cm. Leaves oblong-ovate to sickle-shaped, toothed, shiny, mid-green. Flowers monoecious, arranged in a pendulous cyme.

HABITAT

Lowland forest. One known location in NZ native forest - Bushy Park near Whanganui. This site was intact indigenous forest, remote from any planted exotic plants. The means by which this Begonia reached the site is unknown. Gardeners usually propagate this Begonia by cuttings but some authorities state it can be grown from seed, e.g. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/2009/Begonia-foliosa-var-miniata/Details>

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

WHERE HELD

CHR 608115

YEAR NATURALISED

2010

ORIGIN

The species is from Colombia and Venezuela

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

begonia: Named after Micheal Begon (1638-1710), 18th century governor of French Canada and amateur botanist.

foliosa: Leafy

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/begonia-foliosa-var-miniata/>

