



a splash of *B. Semperflorens-Cultorum*

#### **OTHER BEGONIAS FOR THE GARDEN BORDER**

**Rhizomatous.** Many of the rhizomatous group can be used as border plants with stunning results, providing a mass of flowers for a spring display and an evergreen border with fascinating foliage throughout the year. Try *B. manicata*, *B. 'Immense'*, *B. 'Erythrophylla'* (the Beefsteak Begonia) or *B. 'Cleopatra'* for something different and truly beautiful. *B. manicata aureo maculata* is well worth searching for as the cream blotched mid green leaves are quite spectacular.

**Shrub-likes.** The lower growing shrub-likes, for instance *B. cubensis* and *B. acutifolia* are also useful as border plants in larger gardens where a deep border is required.

Also included in this group are the semi-tuberous such as *B. dregei* and her various cousins from South Africa which will, with a bit of luck and careful husbandry, make good garden plants.