

shaded position protected from cold conditions which will cause leaf loss. It's worth trying them if you don't mind failures and have spare plants in the glasshouse.

They excel as potted indoor plants, being one of the world's most popular for this purpose. They need a position with a high light level and do not like wet feet. Never stand them in saucers of water and do allow the potting mix to surface-dry between watering. When you do water them make sure the mix is saturated. Air conditioning is not enjoyed and they will enjoy the fresh air if put outside at bedtime on a protected porch.



some Rex begonias

ELATIOR BEGONIAS

The Elatior begonias are most certainly intended as indoor plants and that is where they are at their best. Originally developed as winter flowering plants, the latest developments have produced an all-year flowering habit. As with the rexes they do not really like an air-conditioned environment and putting them outside, or in a fresh-air area, each night is a good practice. Each plant will continue to flower for upwards of eight or ten weeks and may be pruned and fertilised at this stage to produce renewed growth and flowers.