

well into autumn when they too will become dormant. Mind you, the tall growing tuberous begonias are also grown in open gardens in many places where the conditions are suitable.

### **Types of Tuberous Begonias**

There are several types of tuberous begonia to choose from depending on your requirements.

The large flowering varieties which include doubles and singles are available as seed, seedlings or developed tubers. The plants produced from seed may vary greatly in size and quality of bloom and in order to obtain guaranteed large blooming begonias it is necessary to purchase named varieties which are usually sold when two or more years old, either as flowering plants or as dormant tubers. Colour range includes white, red, pink, orange, yellow and picotee (pale coloured petals fringed with a darker shade). Named varieties are available from specialist suppliers, with the world's leading producer being Blackmore and Langdon of Bristol, England.

The pendula types are spectacular begonias grown in hanging baskets, and although the blooms are not as large as the large flowering doubles they make up for this in the quantity of blooms produced, with flower trails up to two metres long.

The Non-stops, dwarf plants bearing large blooms, are ideally suited for use as bedding plants and in all respects behave as the large variety. They require a rich, well drained soil in a semi-shaded location.



a typical un-named seedling tuberous begonia