

PART 5

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A to: *'Down to Earth - With Begonias'*

RECOMMENDED BEGONIAS FOR LANDSCAPE PLANTING.

The following list is intended as a guide to some of the better known begonias which I know will do well as landscape plants. There are hundreds more which diligent searching will locate for you. I have listed these begonias in the groups referred to in Chapter 6. To find a particular begonia consult the index of begonias.

Note: many of the begonias listed are shown in the photographs included with this book.

Cane-like Begonias

B. aconitifolia, a species cane-like native to Brazil which has beautiful silver spotted palmate (deeply cleft) mid green leaves, making it a worthwhile feature plant for all seasons. The white flowers are pink tinged when the plant is grown in a position that receives at least two hours sunshine daily but it will grow in open shade. The long flowering period commences in late summer/early autumn although the flowers are not produced in the prolific quantities we normally associate with the cane-likes. Will grow to 1.5 metres (5 feet) or more. A most interesting begonia as it appears in the background of many of to-day's cultivars. Must be pruned annually to achieve and maintain a full and pleasing growth habit.

B. albo-picta. A delightful low growing cane-like Brazilian species which is always pleasing to the eye by virtue of its silver spotted foliage, and its slightly green tinged white flowers make it a worthwhile addition to any garden. Flowers appear from early summer and persist for many months and into winter in ideal locations. Grows to a metre in good conditions and with judicious pruning during the growing period will form a well shaped, thickly foliaged plant. Needs a well lit position with a few hours of morning sun for