

*B. angularis*. A Brazilian cane-like species which deserves a place in any garden scheme, this begonia has beautiful and distinctive foliage and a growth habit in which the stems are angled at each node, hence the name. It grows to a medium height in a position which receives some two to three hours of morning sun and produces panicles of pure white flowers in autumn/winter, holding them well into spring, and beyond if conditions are right. Prune to shape after flowering, and don't be afraid to cut hard when necessary. Early growth habit can be somewhat sprawling and may need staking at this stage. Other begonias similar to this that grow somewhat lower are *Bs. compta* and *angulata*.

*B. coccinea*. A Brazilian species cane-like begonia which flowers profusely for most of the year, producing masses of reddish orange blossom. Tends to grow somewhat straggly but with hard pruning and shaping will eventually grow into a tall (to 2.5 metres or 8 feet) and well shaped plant. Produces many new canes from the root system on the outside of the plant so needs plenty of growing room. A recommended addition to any garden with enough room to accommodate it. Plant several in a clump if space allows for a truly rewarding landscape feature. There is also a pink flowered variety, *B. 'Rose'*, which is a seedling from *B. coccinea*; both are highly recommended.

*B. dichroa*. This is low growing Brazilian species which produces orange flowers throughout the year. Excellent garden plant for a lightly shaded spot. Benefits from pruning in late winter. Photo below.

