



B. undulata

See also *Bs. luxurians* and *egregia*, which although described as shrub-like, strongly resemble the cane-like.

Shrub-like Begonias

B. acutifolia, a beautiful species shrub-like from Jamaica which will make a wonderful feature plant for any garden, thriving in full sun or part shade, but also doing very nicely in a fully shaded location, but I would suggest that you try for at least an hour of sunshine each day. This begonia will flower all year in either hot or temperate climates and the flower colour varies between pure white when grown in full shade to deeply tinged with pink in full sun. *B. acutifolia* will grow into a well shaped shrub some 2 metres across and at least a metre tall. Tip pruning in the early stages of growth will encourage the formation of a pleasing, rounded habit and pruning at any time will keep it to the shape and size you prefer. In the open garden it will spread gradually but will not become invasive. Propagate by tip cuttings, but make sure that these are not soft as they will quickly rot - wait till tips harden off in autumn.