

B. foliosa

*B. juliana*, a Mexican species shrub-like which can be used as feature plants in any landscape design when several are planted close together. The dark green narrow leaves are red tinted on the reverse and white flowers are produced each spring. Grows into a thickly foliaged plant over a metre tall. Can be heavily pruned if necessary.

*B. labordei* (aka *polyantha*), a shrub for light shade where it will produce a mass of small pink tinged foliage year round and small white flowers in spring. Low growing to less than one metre (three feet). Pruning is beneficial when considered necessary to retain size and shape.

*B. listada.* Although regarded as a shrub-like due to its growth habit, this hardy species, which is native to Brazil, is more used as a ground cover than a specimen plant. It is a low growing, sprawling begonia with a mass of velvety, deep green leaves with central lime green stripes which are almost iridescent in low light. Prefers a well shaded location but will tolerate some sunlight, preferably well filtered. Flowers are pure white with yellow stamens and anthers held well above the foliage. Flowering commences in summer and