

B. metallica

*B. minor.* A really spectacular begonia for the brightly lit garden where it will produce a mass of pink flowers through the year. Prune hard, especially in early stages, to curb a tendency toward rampant growth. Grows to a metre or more (three feet plus) if not restrained. Well worth the garden space.

B. peltata, sometimes mistakenly called *incana*, is a most attractive shrub-like begonia with felted, hairy leaves of a pleasing mid-green and growing to a metre high. Produces white flowers in moderate quantity from winter through spring. It is native to Mexico. A good feature plant for the open garden. Keep in shape by pruning after flowering.