



*B. peltata*

*B. 'Red Cascade'*. A recent hybrid closely related to *B. fuchsioides* but producing deep red flowers through spring and summer. Makes a pleasing garden subject in a location that receives some morning sun. Grows to a metre or more (three feet plus) but does not seem to like heavy pruning.

*B. sanguinea*. This shrub-like species from Brazil is surely one of the best feature plants in the begonia family, showing off its distinctive dark green, glabrous leaves with their deep red undersides by forming a mid height plant of pleasing dimensions. Best when several are planted together. A hardy plant which does not require, and in fact does not like, heavy pruning; it can be kept in good shape with a light pruning after flowering. A mass of pink flowers held high above the foliage is produced each spring.

*B. scharffiana*. Dullish mid-green foliage covered in short hairs make a wonderful contrast in any garden scheme, especially if planted in company with *B. metallica*. This medium height shrub-like prefers a lightly shaded position and the flowers with their red hairs on the base of the white sepals provide a remarkably