

beautiful display from mid summer through winter. Avoid direct sunlight as leaves will burn readily. See *B. scharffii*.



*B. scharffiana*

*B. scharffii*. A plant very similar to *B. scharffiana* (qv) but having pink hairs on ivory sepals and similar growth habits. These two begonias are good companion plants and the colour contrast of the flowers makes for a great garden feature. Flowering period is late winter through summer.

*B. venosa*. A most unusual Brazilian species, drought tolerant, and classified as a shrub-like, it has wonderful hairy, felted leaves and papery bracts and produces white flowers from late summer through into spring. New growth will come from the root system to ensure continuity and the old stems may be pruned out when this new growth has attained a suitable height. An eye catching plant and best grown where it will receive at least four hours of sunshine daily. Plant several of these together for best effect. Readily produces seed.