

B. acetosa

*B. carolineifolia*. A large growing (to a metre tall) rhizomatous begonia from Brazil, this distinctive and dramatic plant features large, light green compound leaves and an upright growing habit. Needs plenty of garden space (or a large tub) as it will spread its very large rhizomes over a considerable area. Flowers pale pink in spring. Likes a well lit but shaded position. An excellent feature plant for any garden scheme.

B. 'Cathedral' or 'Cathedral Windows'. Both names are applied to this unusual rhizomatous begonia which has crinkled leaves with crested margins resembling the stained glass of a church window when the light shines through. Needs a shaded position in the open garden where it will delight all year with its beautiful foliage and this is complemented by a display of pink flowers in spring. If you propagate this one from leaf cuttings the result will be a miniature of the parent named B. 'Fiji Islands'. To propagate true to type you must use rhizome sections.

B. 'Cleopatra'. This profuse flowering rhizomatous cultivar is one of the old favourites and is equally at home in pot or garden bed. Use it as a border for that shady garden and it will reward you with a year-long display of beautiful foliage, small in size but patterned to make a spectacular showing. Flowers in spring