

B. manicata var. aureo-maculata with palmate leaved B. carolineifolia in rear

*B.* 'Oyster Leaf'. Grow a mass of these in a shady spot and be rewarded with a crop of pink flowers every spring, with the mid-green, cup-shaped leaves being always a garden feature. Likes some morning sunshine which will help produce a really dark pink in the blooms.

*B.* 'Red Dragon', another large leafed rhizomatous begonia which does well in the open garden. Leaves are light green with a pustular surface. Pink flowers appear in spring. Grow in filtered sun otherwise the flower colour will not be as deep as is desirable.

*B.* 'Silver Jewel', a low growing rhizomatous begonia having pustular surfaced silver marked leaves and a good basket subject but will grow well in the right garden location which is shaded and relatively cool. Try growing small ferns (eg maidenhair) with this beauty to produce a stunning effect, especially if planted on a rocky slope. White flowers are borne close above the foliage from autumn into winter. There are a number