

Begonia foliosa var. miniata

COMMON NAMES

Fuchsia begonia

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Erect sub-shrub with slender stems to 50 cm. Leaves oblong-ovate to sickle-shaped, toothed, shiny, mid-green. Flowers monoecious, arranged in a pendulous cyme.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

HABITAT

Lowland forest. One known location in NZ native forest - Bushy Park near Whanganui. This site was intact indigenous forest, remote from any planted exotic plants. The means by which this Begonia reached the site is unknown. Gardeners usually propagate this Begonia by cuttings but some authorities state it can be grown from seed, e.g. <https://www.rhs.org.uk/Plants/2009/Begonia-foliosa-var-miniata/Details>

GENUS

Begonia

FAMILY

Begoniaceae

AUTHORITY

Begonia foliosa var. *miniata* (Planch. & Linden) L.B.Sm. & B.G.Schub.

SYNONYMS

Begonia fuchsioides

Begonia foliosa var. *miniata* is "... probably a hybrid or a selection of *Begonia fuchsioides* as the species actually has bright red flowers." http://www.smgrowers.com/products/plants/plantdisplay.asp?plant_id=2202

YEAR NATURALISED

2010

ORIGIN

The species is from Colombia and Venezuela

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

begonia: Named after Micheal Begon (1638-1710), 18th century governor of French Canada and amateur botanist.

foliosa: Leafy

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/begonia-foliosa-var-miniata/>

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