

# SHELME RDINE

## SECOND NATURE



### Canary Wings Begonia *Begonia 'Canary Wings'*

Height: 18 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Spacing: 12 inches

Sunlight: ●

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Other Names: Cane, Angel Wing

Group/Class: Wax Begonia

#### Description:

This shade loving variety showcases beautiful bright golden green foliage with red flowers; perfect for all sizes of patio containers and hanging baskets; attracts hummingbirds; great for summertime blooms

#### Ornamental Features

Canary Wings Begonia features dainty nodding red bell-shaped flowers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its attractive glossy lobed leaves emerge yellow in spring, turning gold in colour with hints of chartreuse throughout the season.

#### Landscape Attributes

Canary Wings Begonia is an herbaceous annual with a mounded form. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. It is a good choice for attracting hummingbirds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Canary Wings Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets



*Canary Wings Begonia flowers*  
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*Canary Wings Begonia in bloom*  
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## **Planting & Growing**

Canary Wings Begonia will grow to be about 18 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 12 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.

This plant should only be grown in a shady location. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Canary Wings Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.