



# Volumia™ Scarlet Begonia Begonia 'Volumia Scarlet'

Height: 14 inches Spread: 14 inches Spacing: 12 inches

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Group/Class: Volumia Series

## **Description:**

A beautiful compact variety showcasing scarlet red blooms on top of green foliage; vigorous growth making it great for patio containers, hanging baskets, borders and gardens; low maintenance and tolerant to humidity

#### **Ornamental Features**

Volumia Scarlet Begonia features dainty nodding scarlet orchid-like flowers with yellow centers at the ends of the stems from mid spring to mid fall. Its small serrated pointy leaves remain green in color throughout the year.

#### **Landscape Attributes**

Volumia Scarlet 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 should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Volumia Scarlet Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Volumia Scarlet Begonia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

### **Planting & Growing**

Volumia Scarlet Begonia will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 14 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. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant does best in partial shade to shade. 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, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. 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.

Volumia Scarlet 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 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.