

ADOPT-A SPECIES PROGRAM OF THE ABS

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SPECIES NAME: Begonia U476

[1] SHADE, SEMI-SHADE, SUN, TERRARIUM, FLUORESCENT LIGHTS: This is a terrarium species or greenhouse species, with somewhat thick but tender leaves. My plants are grown under 1800 lumen LED.

2] TYPE OF GROWING MEDIUM USED: happy frog potting soil with about 1/3 perlite and 10% coco fiber, 10% turface. Lots of turface and perlite to top the soil.

3] TYPE OF FERTILIZER AND FREQUENCY OF FEEDING: 1/8-1/4 urea free orchid fertilizer applied once a month

[4] MOISTURE REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF SUPPLYING APPROPRIATE AMOUNT OF WATER: it is allowed to dry out slightly between waterings, but never allowed to get completely dry. It is mostly tolerant of standing water on the leaves but does best when watered directly into the root base to avoid water on the (very fuzzy) leaves.

[5] PEST PROBLEMS AND HOW YOU TREATED THESE: no pests thus far

[6] NOTE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF SETTING SEEDS AND GROWING SEEDS OF YOUR SPECIES: no, has not flowered in the time I've had it

[7] NOTE YOUR EXPERIENCE OF VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION: it propagates easily from whole or partial leaf cuttings. Does not seem to matter whether stem is intact or not. One leaf can be cut into 3-4 sections with good success. Curling them in a circle works well with this species.

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