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## BEGONIA EVANSIANA. TWO-COLOURED

## BEGONIA.

*Class and Order.*

## MONŒCIA POLYANDRIA.

*Generic Character.*

MASC. *Cal.* nullus. *Cor.* polypetala. *Stam.* numerosa.

FEM. *Cal.* nullus. *Cor.* polypetala, supera. *Caps.* alata, polysperma.

*Specific Character and Synonyms.*

BEGONIA *Evansiana*; caulescens foliis inæqualiter cordatis acuminatis inæqualiter ferratis supra spinulosis subtus sanguineis, capsulæ alis acutangulis subæqualibus.

BEGONIA *Evansiana*; foliis inæqualiter cordatis, supra hispulis, nitidis, margine inæqualibus, acutissime ferrulatis: petalis duobus lato-ovatis, duobus obovatis quadruplo majoribus: caulibus flexuoso-erectis, nodosis: axillis bulbiferis. *Bot. Repos.* 627.

TSOU HOY TONG. "*Chinese drawings*" in *Museo Banks.* Vide *Linn. Soc. Trans.* v. 1. p. 172. 3.

We doubt whether this plant be not a variety of *BEGONIA grandis*; it so much resembles KÆMPFER'S figure, that we can scarcely find any other difference than that of the leaves being less angulated, and the female flowers more cernuous. In both, these flowers are, contrary to most of the species, four-petaled and similar to the male, the stamens are monadelphous, the alæ of the capsules nearly equal, and the upper surface of the leaves are covered with minute spinules. But THUNBERG, in his description of the same plant, under the name of *obliqua*, expressly says, the leaves are pale on the under surface;



surface; while in our plant the older leaves are on the under side entirely bright red: in the younger leaves the veins only have this colour, the interstices being of a bright green.

In the Botanist's Repository it is said, that Mr. EVANS's Collector first found this plant growing in the clefts of the rocks in the Island of Pulo-Pinang, in the year 1808. Mr. DONN, in his Catalogue, marks it as a native of China, and dates its introduction to this country four years earlier. That it is really cultivated in China, the drawing above referred to, under the name of Tsou Hoy Tong, leaves no room to doubt: and we believe it has been in the royal collection at Kew from about the time Mr. DONN states.

It is a highly ornamental stove plant, easily propagated by cuttings, or by the bulbs which are frequently produced at the divisions of the stem. Flowers most part of the summer. Our drawing was made at Messrs. LEE and KENNEDY's, Hammer-smith.

*Monocotyledonous. Cor. polylobata, lobis ovatis, lobis*

*Specific Character and Synonymy.*

*BEGONIA* Beauv. : caulibus foliis inaequaliter cordatis  
*acuminatis inaequaliter serratis lobis spinulosis lobis lan-*  
*guinis, capsulis alic. acuminatis lobis cordatis.*

*BEGONIA* L'Hermin. : foliis inaequaliter cordatis, lobis bipi-  
 lobis, nuda, margine inaequaliter, acuminatis serratis :  
 petalis duobus lino-ovatis, duobus obovatis quadruplo  
 majoribus : caulibus lanugineosis, nodosis : antheris du-

bilis. Bot. Voy. Voy. 617.  
*TZOU HOY TONG.* - *Chrysanthemum* in *Mémoires Bot.* V. 17.  
 Tab. 326. Fig. 1. p. 172. 8.

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*varia; it so much resembles Koenig's figure, that we can*  
*scarcely find any other difference than that of the leaves being*  
*less serrated, and the female flowers more common. In*  
*both, both flowers are contrary to most of the species*  
*inseparated and higher to the water, the filament are non-*  
*oblong, the size of the capsule nearly equal, and the upper*  
*surface of the leaves are covered with minute spinules. But*  
*TRINAVAC, in his description of the same plant, under the*  
*name of abbas, expressly says, the leaves are pale on the under*  
*surface;*