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## BEGONIA WAGENERIANA.

*Mr. Wagener's Begonia.*

Nat. Ord. BEGONIACEÆ.—MONŒCIA POLYANDRIA.

*Gen. Char. (Vide supra, TAB. 4172.)*

BEGONIA *Wageneriana*; caule tereti erecto ramoso glaberrimo, foliis valde oblique ovatis acuminatis sinuatis hinc serratis, petiolo foliis subdimidio brevior, stipulis magnis oblongis obtusis apice longe mucronatis, pedunculis axillaribus longissimis, panicula multiflora dichotome cymosa, floribus parvis albis, masculis tetrasepalis, fœmineis pentasepalis, capsulæ alis duabus brevibus obtusis, tertia elongato-triangulari.

MOSCHKOWITZIA *Wageneriana*. *Klotzsch, Begon. p. 76.*

This may possess less beauty than many of the extensive genus *Begonia*, yet the deep yellow-green of the foliage, the rich colouring of the petioles and peduncles, and the very numerous, white, stary flowers, yellow in the centre, renders it a desirable inmate of the stove, and it continues blossoming for a long time in the early spring and summer. It is a native of Venezuela, and was introduced by Mr. Wagener to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Berlin, whence our plants have been derived.

DESCR. *Plant* wholly glabrous. *Stem* erect, two and a half to three feet high, terete, somewhat zigzag, pale greenish-brown. *Leaves* five to six inches and more long, cordato-ovate, subfalcate, very unequally sided, subpeltate, acuminate, yellowish-green, paler beneath, one (the largest) side subangulato-sinuate at the margin, the other side and the acuminate apex serrated, veins prominent beneath. *Petioles* red, terete, erect, about half the length of the leaf. *Stipules* caducous, nearly an inch long, membranous, oblong, with a rather long mucro at the point. *Peduncles* axillary, very long, red, terete, succulent, bearing a much di-trichotomously branched cymose *panicle* of numerous small white *flowers*, sterile and fertile on different cymes. *Sterile flowers* of four, spreading, rather obtuse, white *sepals*. *Stamens* numerous, very

compact, linear, yellow, collected into a nearly sessile globose head or ball. *Fertile flowers* of five, white, ovate, acute *sepals*, rather smaller than the sterile ones. *Capsule* obconical, with three unequal wings; two short, obtuse, and slightly denticulate; the third thrice as long, triangular, obtuse.

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Fig. 1. Capsule, not quite mature, *magnified*. 2. Portion of a cyme, with sterile flowers, *nat. size*. 3. Sterile flower, *magnified*.

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