



TAB. 5102.

BEGONIA XANTHINA; var. *pictifolia*,

*Yellow-flowered Begonia; variegated-leaved var.*

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Nat. Ord. BEGONIACEÆ.—MONŒCIA POLYANDRIA.

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

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BEGONIA *xanthina*; acaulis, rhizomate brevi crasso villosissimo crinito, foliis amplis oblique brevi-acuminatis sinuatis denticulatis subtus discoloribus (rubris), petiolis aggregatis crassis folium subæquantibus rubris stipulatis setosis, stipulis magnis glabris, scapo petiolis duplo longioribus, floribus subnutantibus corymbosis flavis, masculis plerisque tetrasepalis, sep. 3 oblongo-cuneatis unico majore rotundato magis concavo, femineis minoribus sepalis magis æqualibus, fructus alis 2 brevibus, unica elongata striata.

BEGONIA *xanthina*. *Hook. Bot. Mag. t. 4683.*

*β. pictifolia*; foliis maculis albescentibus irroratis, floribus pallide flavis sepalis angustioribus, capsulæ ala majore angustiore ascendente.

BEGONIA *picta*. *Hort. Jackson (not Smith).*

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We received this beautiful-leaved plant\* from Mr. Jackson, of the Kingston Nursery, under the name of *Begonia picta*; but assuredly not having any specific connection with the well-known *Begonia picta* of Sir James E. Smith. Its affinity is with our *B. xanthina*, above quoted, and at present at least, till I can learn more of its history, I am disposed to consider it a variety of that plant, or perhaps a cross with some of the painted-leaved species. It is, indeed, near akin to *B. Rex* (see our Tab. 5101), especially in the leaves; but that has yellowish-white flowers, tinged with rose: all of them have mucronate anthers. I fear much dependence cannot be placed on the colour of the flowers, nor on the spotting of the leaves. Some of our own young

\* Since the above was printed, we have received No. 14 of Mr. Linden's 'Catalogue des Plantes Exotiques,' in which, under the head of 'Plantes Exotiques Nouvelles,' he has represented on one plate leaves of three *Begonias* of Assam, one of which, called *Begonia Victoria*, is clearly our plant; but no characters are given indicating any *specific* identity.

plants of my *B. wanthina* have the leaves spotted, but the spots are of quite a different character from those of our present plant. It is well known that the beautiful *B. argyrostigma* (Exotic Flora, t. 18) became by continued cultivation spotless, and then lost all its charm with cultivators.

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Fig. 1. Female flower, *nat. size*. 2. Fruit, slightly *magnified*. 3. Transverse section of ditto, more *magnified*.

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