

ADOPT-A SPECIES PROGRAM

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SPECIES NAME: *Begonia garagarana* C.DC. 1919

Begonia garagarana is a medium to large size begonia, belonging to begonia section Gireoudia, from Panama. It has a rhizomatous habit. *B. garagarana* is a very elegant plant. Its leaves are glaucous and green on the upper surface and pink-red on the under surface. Petioles are sparsely pubescent. This plant was grown from seed from AFABEGO in 2016.

[1] LIGHTING:

In west facing glass house. Shaded with shade cloth in the summer

[2] GROWING MEDIUM:

I use the Glasgow potting medium [Tebbit: Begonias 2005]

Sphagnum peat/Grit/bark/a little slow-release fertilizer 7:2:1

3] FERTILIZER, FREQUENCY OF FEEDING:

A little slow-release fertilizer in the growing mix.

[4] WATERING: High humidity and minimal watering.

[5] HUMIDITY: Glass house 60%+ humidity.

[6] PEST AND DISEASES, TREATMENTS: None to date.

[7] SETTING SEEDS AND GROWING SEEDS:

Flowering has been sparse but set seed well after pollination by hand. Seed was germinated under fluorescent light. The lights were controlled on a timer, on for 14 hours a day.

[8] VEGETATIVE PROPAGATION:

Easily propagated by petiole or rhizome cuttings.







