

Jurassic™ Rex Begonia

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Cultural Sheet

Growth Habit

Jurassic™ Rex begonias have vigorous, upright growth. As the plants continue to grow they continue to mound.

Containers

Jurassic™ Rex begonias were bred to be vigorous. This allows the crop to finish quickly and provide maximum performance for the gardener. The ideal container for Jurassic™ Rex Begonias is a 6" containers and larger.

Light Levels

During winter month, most growers will not need to worry about shading. After transplant from liners, grow with 800 to 1,000 foot candles. Growing on the ideal light levels are between 1,200 – 1,800 foot candles. During the late spring and summer months shading will be required for ideal production conditions. Higher light levels can cause leaf coloring to fade and in intense situations the plant can burn. Under too-low of light situation the plants can stretch and longer crop time. The use of HID lights can shorten the crop time.

Temperature

All Jurassic™ Rex begonias should not be allowed to get below 60°F, with the ideal night temperature about 70°F. Jurassic™ Rex begonias have been selected under cooler temperatures and can handle night temperatures in the lower 60s. Day temperatures can handle 75-80°F, however should not be allowed to exceed 90°F.

Nutrition Requirements

Jurassic™ Rex begonias generally require low fertilizer. Feed with a balanced fertilizer at rates of 100 to 150 ppm Nitrogen. Maintain an EC between 1.1 and 1.9 and make sure to prevent salt buildup.

Media

Rex begonias have a fine root system. Plant in a porous media and allow the media to dry out between watering. In general Rex Begonias do not like to have consistently saturated media. However, do allow the plants to dry to the point of wilting either. If possible, use a media with a pH between 5.7 and 6.4.

Pests and Diseases

A general pest scouting system should be in place and should watch for aphids, fungus gnats, thrips, and mealybugs.

Ensuring air movement around the pots will help to prevent diseases such as botrytis, pythium, and phytophthora. It maybe advisable to use a preventative fungicide program.



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Transplanting

Jurassic™ Rex Begonias are available as liner 72. When receiving liners it is important to plant the liners even or slightly above the soil line. The crown of the plant should not be buried.

Scheduling

Pot Size	Plants per pot	Crop Time in Weeks
6" Container	1 ppp	8-14
8" Container	2-3 ppp	10-16

Note — exact scheduling will depend heavily on light and temperature conditions.

Home Gardener

Jurassic™ Rex Begonias have been bred to be easy for the grower, but also continue to perform throughout the summer for the gardener. It is important to keep Jurassic™ Rex in full shade as the leaves will burn in high light.



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