Stonegate Gardens

Daystar Primrose Begonia

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Daystar™ Primrose Begonia Begonia 'TNBEGDP'

Height: 24 inches Spread: 16 inches Spacing: 10 inches

Sunlight:

Hardiness Zone: (annual)
Group/Class: Daystar Series

Description:

An outstanding trailing begonia presenting lovely deep green and burgundy leaves with toothed edges; large, pale buttery yellow flowers are produced throughout the season; grows well in humid conditions; great spiller for containers, or hanging baskets



Daystar Primrose Begonia flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Daystar Primrose Begonia features showy nodding buttery yellow orchid-like flowers with yellow throats at the ends of the stems from mid spring to early fall. Its attractive serrated heart-shaped leaves remain dark green in color with hints of burgundy throughout the year.

Landscape Attributes

Daystar Primrose Begonia is an herbaceous annual with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a high maintenance plant that will require regular care and upkeep, and usually looks its best without pruning, although it will tolerate pruning. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Insects
- Disease

Daystar Primrose Begonia is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Border Edging
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting
- Hanging Baskets

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Planting & Growing

Daystar Primrose Begonia will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 16 inches. When grown in masses or used as a bedding plant, individual plants should be spaced approximately 10 inches apart. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. Although it's not a true annual, this plant can be expected to behave as an annual in our climate if left outdoors over the winter, usually needing replacement the following year. As such, gardeners should take into consideration that it will perform differently than it would in its native habitat.

This plant should only be grown in a shady location. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil pH, but grows best in rich soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid. It can be propagated by cuttings; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Daystar Primrose Begonia is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor containers and hanging baskets. Because of its spreading habit of growth, it is ideally suited for use as a 'spiller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the edges where it can spill gracefully over the pot. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.