

## Begonia bipinnatifida 'Starter plant' (Begonia02a)

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€ 17.44

Begonia bipinnatifida is a rare type of begonia with fern-like leaves from New Guinea. It requires a humid environment and is therefore ideally suited to a terrarium. Araflora supplies a compact plant with pretty pink flowers and deep red leaves



Plant type:



flowering plant

Place:



indoor

Adult width:



Light:



semi sun

Watering:



normal

Araflora info



mini

### Product info

In its natural habitat, Begonia bipinnatifida is found on the rocky outcrops of Mount Horne, New Guinea. The deep red, branched stems zigzag slightly from one leaf node to the next. They form a dramatic contrast with the dark-green upper surface of the plant's leaves. The undersides of the leaves are the same deep bordeaux red as the stems. Compound leaves attached to leaf stems are divided into smaller leaflets, creating an overall fern-like appearance. Begonia bipinnatifida can grow to a height of 25-30 centimetres but is easy to keep small. The flowers are tiny but the combination of pink tepals and golden yellow styles and stigmas makes them highly appealing.

Height:

8 cm



Width:

3 cm



Flower colour:

purple



Flower period:

all year



Product:

plant plug



Plant type:

flowering plant



Plant type:

terrarium



Growth habit:

normal



Properties:

non-edible



Growth rate:

slow



Araflora info:

mini



Araflora info:

new



Natural habitat:

Central America



Altitude range:

0-1500 m



## Plantcare

With the correct growing environment and care, *Begonia bipinnatifida* will become an excellent species to enjoy. It needs to be cultivated at normal room temperature with a high level of humidity. A terrarium is ideal, provided the plant is positioned close to a strong light source. Natural light is fine as long as there is no exposure to direct sunlight in the summer months. *Begonia bipinnatifida* can cope with a wide range of temperatures varying from 10°C to 35°C. However, in winter the temperature must not fall below 15°C. For the rest of the year, the best temperature is around 22°C with 70% humidity. Water moderately with lukewarm water, allowing the top couple of centimetres of the growing medium to dry out before watering again. During the winter rest period, allow the top half of the potting mixture to dry out between waterings. In a terrarium, *Begonia bipinnatifida* will only need watering a couple of times a year. Good air circulation is not essential but will make the plant less susceptible to disease and infection. A mixture of peat and other material is a suitable kind of growing medium with good drainage. In a terrarium, a fibre-based mixture, for example with coir (coconut fibre), is a suitable potting compound. If *Begonia bipinnatifida* is not grown in a terrarium it will need feeding with standard liquid fertiliser every two weeks

Care:  
difficult



Light:  
semi sun



Artificial light height:  
20-40 cm



Watering:  
normal



Soil type:  
terrarium



Air humidity at night:  
60-80%



Day temperature  
10-30 °C



Temperature max:  
30 °C



Soil type:  
peat mix



Place:  
indoor



Light:  
artificial lighting



Fertilize:  
little



Watering tips:  
watering from above



Air humidity at day:  
60-80%



Temperature  
< 15 °C



Night temperature  
12-18 °C



Temperature min:  
15 °C



Repotting:  
after 2 years

