Van Zyverden's BEGONIA SWITZERLAND





Tuberous begonias were discovered in the forests of Bolivia and Peru. Next to bedding begonias ('Semperflorens') tuberous begonias are probably the best-known, most widely grown and are enjoyed by the average gardener around the world. Growing and caring for begonias is easy, especially when growing from tubers. They produce stunning, large, showy flowers.

About This Variety: Switzerland begonias produce scarlet red double blooms atop almost near black foliage. Good choice for shade gardens and containers. Compact grower, long blooming and wind resistant.

Growing Instructions: In the North, tubers should be started indoors in late winter or early spring to bloom by summer. Once weather permits, after danger of frost, they can be moved outdoors. Plant them concave side up. Growing begonias from tubers requires warm temperatures. Plant 1 tuber per 7-10" pot.

Care Tip: These are not plants for the deep south or desert Southwest as they do not grow well in hot, and environments without special care. Shade from hot sunlight, but they do need some sun. Keep containers moist, but avoid overwatering. Removing any wilted leaves or flowers will encourage the plants to produce more flowers.

Exposure: partial shade to full shade Height: grows 10-12" tall Spacing: plant 6-14" apart, 1-2" deep USDA Zones: hardy in USDA zones 9-10











