

# *Begonia cucullata*

## WAX BEGONIA

### *Begoniaceae*

Common Synonyms: *none*

**FLEPPC Category:** 2

**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No

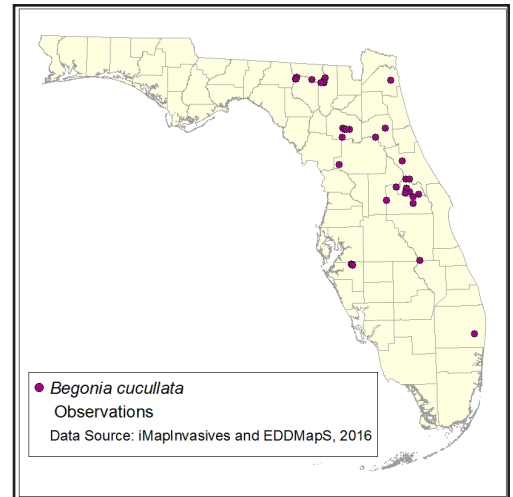
**IFAS Assessment**

North	CAUTION
Central	CAUTION
South	CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** not available

**Growth Habit:** Perennial herb

**Origin:** Brazil and Argentina



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**Description:** Succulent, glabrous, perennial herb with reddish-green jointed stems to 50 cm tall. Roots from the nodes. Leaves alternate, stalked, simple, waxy to 7 cm long and wide, ovate, margins with minute teeth. Flowers showy to 2 cm, in stalked clusters, tepals variable colors. Fruit a 3-winged capsule with one larger wing to 1 cm.

**Habitat:** hammocks, upland hardwood forest

**Comments:** Prolific seed producer.

**Florida Introduction Date:** Earliest Florida specimen vouchered in 1910.

**Control Methods:**

Mechanical: Hand pull seedlings (IFAS, CAIP and FWC)

Chemical: Foliar (1% glyphosate, IFAS, CAIP and FWC)

**Useful Resources:**

IFAS, Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants and FWC. 2014. Florida Invasive Plant Education Initiative in the Parks: *Begonia cucullata*. <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/parks/begonia.html>. Accessed on June 26, 2014.

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