**Begonia cucullata**
WAX BEGONIA
*Begoniaceae*

Common Synonyms: none

**FLPPC Category:** 2
**FDACS Listed Noxious Weed:** No
**IFAS Assessment**
- North: CAUTION
- Central: CAUTION
- South: CAUTION

**USDA Hardiness Zone:** N/A
**Growth Habit:** Perennial herb
**Origin:** Brazil and Argentina

**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

**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, FWC].

**Useful Resources:**

**Comments:** Prolific seed producer.