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## Begonia 'Bundy Belle'

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B. 'Bundy Belle' is a rhizomatous-type begonia with large, lobed and crested leaves. It was hybridised in 2000 as the result of the cross B. 'Cassie Kidd' X B. 'Bundy Beauty.'

The leaves are 8" by 12" on 12" petioles (stems) and have a lightly crested edge. The new growth is a bright pink which fades to purple with age.

Both parents are my own hybrids. The female parent, B. 'Cassie

Kidd' has silver-green leaves with a crested edge. The male parent, B. 'Bundy Beauty' has pink leaves that turn gray with age. B. 'Bundy Belle' helps illustrate a classic hybridising goal of bringing characteristics from different plants onto one, in this case, a plant with pink-colored, crested foliage.

This plant was named after going on a cruise on the Burnett River. The small cruise boat was called the 'Bundy Belle,' and I thought it would make a good name for a begonia.

