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Begonia 'White Wash'

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This begonia was hybridised in 1994 and its growth pattern is rhizomatous. Its parents are B. 'Morning Mist' x B. *wollnyi*. The leaves are medium sized (4½" x 6") and are lobed and ovalate. The petioles (leaf stems) are approximately 4" long and are pink.

The leaves on this plant have white markings giving it a 'white-washed' look. These white

markings are from the male parent B. *wollnyi*. This was the only plant in the pot of seedlings to have oval leaves and a rhizomatous growth habit.

B. *wollnyi* is very dominant in a cross, with its parted leaves and upright habit of growth. It is also considered tuberous/semi-tuberous in its growth, so B. 'White Wash' is unusual in that it grows more as a rhizomatous type.

