

# Watermelon Begonia



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## *Pellionia pulchra* 'Watermelon'

- **Use:** Trailing Watermelon Begonia makes a great houseplant and looks terrific in a pot or hanging basket. The stems will cascade down over the pot or hanging basket it is planted in, and the foliage will get thick and full. It also does well in container gardens, fairy gardens and terrariums.
- **Exposure/Soil:** A vining plant, and should be planted towards the back of the vivarium, where it will climb up and over the background and hardscape. It can also be used as a foreground plant as the taller stems will eventually fall and creep across the substrate. Has moderate water needs but does not like soggy substrate. This plant will grow in almost any lighting conditions, but grows best under bright light where it will grow in a more compact form with shingling leaves. Does not require air circulation to thrive in a naturalistic vivarium. Can be used as a 'filler' plant and will quickly fill in between larger plants, and covering up the background.
- **Growth:** Will continue to grow in the basket. make excellent hanging plants, but they will never reach their full potential unless they are allowed to climb upright on a totem pole. Totems give the plant's air roots something to attach to for support.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 9-11, Annual, Houseplant
- **Foliage:** The leaves are edged in dark green with a light green center and tend to overlap when grown in bright light. The stems develop a beautiful pinkish tint to them and as the plant is exposed to more light, the leaves develop a deeper greenish/maroon coloration.
- **Flower:** No flowers.