





**BEGONIA DIPETALA. TWO-PETALED  
BEGONIA.**

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*Class and Order.*

**MONŒCIA POLYANDRIA.**

( Nat. Ord.—**BEGONIACEÆ.** )

*Generic Character.*

**MASC.** *Cal.* o. *Cor.* polypetala, petalis plerumque 4, inæqualibus.

**FÆM.** *Cal.* o. *Cor.* petalis 4—9, plerumque inæqualibus. *Styli* tres, bifidi. *Caps.* triquetra, alata, trilocularis, polysperma.

*Specific Character.*

**BEGONIA dipetala;** fruticosa, erecta, foliis semicordatis acutis subangulatis duplicato-serratis glabriusculis maculatis discoloribus, stipulis semicordatis, floribus dipetalis, capsulæ alis subæqualibus rotundatis. *Graham.*  
**BEGONIA dipetala.** *Graham MSS.*

**DESCR.** *Stem* erect, tapering, greyish brown, with a few small, round, vermillion spots, scarcely branched in our specimens, which are small. *Leaves* half heart-shaped, acute and somewhat lobed, without any callosity on the edge, unequally and doubly serrato-dentate, slightly bullate, crisped at the margin when young, above green, with white spots, and having a pellucid, short, awl-shaped hair, rising from the centre of a few of the spots, below blood-coloured, but when old, blanched, smooth, except at the veins, where there are a few hairs; veins prominent, especially below: petioles distichous, at first suberect, afterwards spreading or divaricated, nearly as long as the leaves, rounded, flattened a little, and slightly channelled above. *Cyme* axillary,



lary, peduncled, drooping, rather longer than the petioles and foliage, dichotomous, peduncles and pedicels flattened: two obsolete, nearly opposite bracteas are on the middle of the female pedicel, but none on the male. *Flowers* pink, dipetalous, handsome, large, (female, one inch broad, by three quarters of an inch long; male, three quarters of an inch in either diameter,) males in the clefts of the cyme, and on the outside of its subdivisions; those in the clefts expand first, the others nearly at the same time with the corresponding females; petals in them subrotund; in the females more cordate; in both, but especially the latter, subacuminate. *Stamens* numerous, filaments wedge-shaped at the top, an anther-cell being fixed along each side. *Capsule*, wings rounded, subequal: *Stigmata* pale yellow, revolute, angled, pubescent along the edge.

This species flowered at the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, in April, 1828, having been raised two years before from seed sent by Dr. JOHNSTONE, from Bombay. Like all the other species of *BEGONIA*, it requires the heat of the stove. **GRAHAM.**