



# BAMBINO bougs

**Bilas** (D) Released 2002  
**Landscape, Courtyard Pots and Baskets.**  
**Height in garden 60 cm**

**Bilas** (D) was introduced to the market late in 2003. It is probably the most stunning and unusual of the selections for large courtyard pots in the “Bambino” family to date. The flowers are bright red and are borne in profusion on mature plants. The most unusual attribute of **Bilas** (D) is its foliage. All of the new growth emerges as a creamy pink with no sign of green in the leaf at all. It is really such a lack of colour that one would think it would not grow and thrive - but it does. As the leaves age they become variegated, cream and green and even later on develop more green.

#### USES:

**Bilas** (D) is one of the best container Bougainvilleas we have seen. The colour contrasts in the foliage and flower are outstanding, in fact stunning. Plant in a dark ceramic pot for use in your courtyard or near your swimming pool, nothing could give the same effect.

Planted at the top of a retaining wall and allowed to spill over, or planted in the front of a garden bed of “Bambino’s” will really create the WOW factor for you. Excellent for Hanging Baskets for sunny to semi shaded positions.

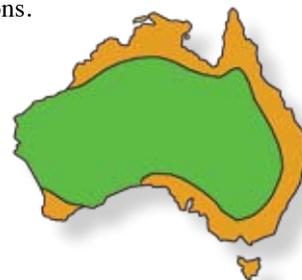
#### ZONES:-



In Gardens



In gardens  
and pots



### *For the Homeowner*

- Extremely free flowering
- Blooms right through until cooler months
- Versatile

#### Planting

Plant in courtyards, patio pots, baskets, garden beds or window boxes.

#### Placement

Place in bright, full-sun areas.

#### Temperature

Grows well in cool areas

Heat tolerant to 90-95°C

Frost tolerant to 15°C

#### Watering

Keep on the dry side to encourage heavier flowering.

#### Fertiliser

Use slow release fertilisers with an even balance of NPK, they are heavy feeders.

#### Pruning

Trim as desired, but it is not necessary to maintain flowering.

### *For the Grower*

#### Planting

**Timing :** Spring - Summer - Autumn.

**Plants per pot:** One only

**Finish time:** 10-12 weeks from potting

**Soil:** A general shrub mix

**pH:** Neutral to slightly acid

**Light Levels:** High, even full sun.

**Temperature** A growing house with good ventilation and held above 10°C.

**Water Requirements** Average, avoid wilting.

#### Fertiliser - either 1 or 2

**1. Constant feed:** Every two weeks with a general liquid fertiliser.

**2. Slow Release:** Slow release fertiliser with an NPK ratio in even balance and with trace elements added.

**Pinching:** Pinch tubes prior to potting. Tip prune to shape the plant as needed.

**Growth Regulators:** Not needed.

**Pest Control:** Control aphids. In cool weather if the leaves are wet leaf spot can develop.