

[54] VARIETY OF GERANIUM NAMED  
SABRINA (OGLEVEE NO. 126)  
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[57] ABSTRACT  
The new cultivar is characterized by its unique coral  
red color and its densely packed umbel giving the over-  
all effect of semi-doubleness. It is further characterized  
by its free basal branching, compact growth, and free  
continuous and early flowering.

1 Drawing Sheet

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention comprises a new and distinct  
cultivar of *Pelargonium hortorum bailey* known by the  
varietal name Sabrina (Oglevee No. 126). The new  
variety was discovered in a selective breeding program  
in April of 1982 in West Chicago, Ill. The new variety  
is a first generation selfed progeny of the variety Mor-  
gengrus. The new variety was first asexually repro-  
duced by cuttings at Pan American Seed Company in  
West Chicago, Ill. on or about November of 1983. The  
new variety has been repeatedly asexually reproduced  
by cuttings at Oglevee Floral Company in Connells-  
ville, Pa. over a several year period. It has also been  
trial and field tested at Connellsville and has been found  
to retain its distinctive characteristics through succes-  
sive propagations.

The new variety has large round umbels of single  
florets with similar pedicel length and zoned foliage  
when compared to Morgengrus. The new variety dif-  
fers from Morgengrus in that the petal color has a more  
unique coral red color as compared to the salmon color  
of Morgengrus. In addition the more densely packed  
umbel gives the overall effect of semi-doubleness.

The new cultivar when grown in a glass greenhouse  
in Connellsville, Pa. using natural light and 60° F.  
(night), 68° F. (day) and 71° F. (vent) has a response  
time of six weeks from a rooted cutting to flowering in  
a 10 cm pot. This response time was determined on  
plants grown in a soilless media employing constant  
fertilizer of 275–300 parts per million nitrogen and po-  
tassium and in full light.

DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 of the accompanying photographic drawing  
illustrates a new cultivar, the color being as nearly true  
as possible with color illustrations of this type.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW PLANT

The following detailed description sets forth the  
characteristics of the new cultivar. The data which  
define these characteristics were collected by asexual  
reproductions carried out by the Oglevee Floral Com-  
pany in Connellsville, Pa. The plant history was taken  
on six week plants blossomed under natural light in a  
greenhouse and color readings were taken indoors  
under 200–220 foot candles of cool, white fluorescent  
light. Color references are primarily to the R.H.S. Col-

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THE PLANT

Classification:  
Botanical.—*Pelargonium bailey*.  
Commercial.—Zonal geranium.  
Form: Semi-dwarf; free basal branching; compact  
growth; flowers close to foliage; free continuous and  
early flowering.  
Height: 21.0–32.0 cm from media surface.  
Growth: Free basal branching; short internodes; com-  
pact.  
Strength: Stands upright without artificial support.  
Foliage: Stalked leaf attachment; leaf zoning.  
Leaves:  
Size.—6.0–9.0 cm across.  
Shape.—Reniform; cordate base.  
Margin.—Crenate.  
Texture.—Pubescent; dull (Non-reflective).  
Color.—Top: Margin — Green group 143B; Center  
— Green group 143B. Zone: Green group 137B;  
Bottom: Yellow-Green group 144B.  
Ribs and veins.—Palmate; Yellow-Green group  
144D.  
Petioles: 4.0–7.0 cm in length; Yellow-Green group  
144A.  
Stem:  
Color.—Yellow-Green group 144B.  
Internodes.—1.0–3.0 cm in length.

THE BUDS

Shape: Hemispherical cluster.  
Size: 2.0–3.0 cm across.

INFLORESCENCE

Blooming habit: Continuous; upright; semi-double ap-  
pearing; some shattering; hemispherical.  
Size: 7.0–11.0 cm across.  
Borne: Umbel; florets on pedicel; pedicels on peduncle.  
Florets:  
Form.—Flat to slightly cupped; ovate.  
Color.—Top: Margin — Red group 41C; Center —  
Red group 41B. Bottom: Red group 41C. Petals:  
5 in number; separate — not united; margin en-  
tire, obovate; palmate veination; flat to slightly  
cupped; 1.0–2.5 cm across.  
Size.—3.0–5.0 cm across.

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*Texture and appearance.*—Smooth and reflective.  
Petaloids: Quantity: none observed.  
Pedicel:  
    *Length.*—1.5 to 3.0 cm.  
    *Color.*—Greyed-Red group 181C.  
Peduncle: Yellow-Green group 144A; 12.0–16.0 cm in length.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Stamens:  
    *Anthers.*—Initially reddish-purple.  
    *Filaments.*—Very pale green at base to reddish-purple toward tip; irregular in shape; 3.0–5.0 mm in length; flat.  
    *Pollen.*—Golden brown initially.  
Pistils:  
    *Number.*—1 with 4–5 parted stigma.

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*Length.*—1.0 cm.  
*Stigma.*—4–5 parted; reddish-purple.  
*Style.*—1; pale green; initially reddish-purple at maturity.  
5 Ovaries: 5.0 mm in length; yellow-green; very pubescent (0.1 to 0.5 mm long); superior.  
Fruit: none observed.

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10 red color and its densely packed umbel giving the overall effect of semi-doubleness. It is further characterized by its free basal branching, compact growth, and free continuous and early flowering.  
I claim:  
15 1. A new and distinct variety of geranium plant substantially as shown and described and parts thereof.

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