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[54] MYOSOTIS SYLVATICA PLANT NAMED
‘GOLD ’N SAPPHIRES’
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[57] ABSTRACT

A new and distinct form of Myosotis characterized by
unusual golden foliage and compact habit.

1 Drawing Sheet

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The present invention relates to a new and distinct seed-
ling of *Myosotis sylvatica* (normally with green foliage)
showing unusual golden coloration of the leaves.
The new Myosotis is a result of an open-pollinated
seedling selection of an unnamed and unpatented variety of
Myosotis sylvatica in the family Boraginaceae (Borage
family) at Terra Nova Nurseries, Inc., in Canby, Oreg. This
was selected from a large group of seedlings. Type plants of
Myosotis sylvatica were retained to observe habit and to
compare with the new variety. The new variety has been
reproduced only by asexual propagation (division and tissue
culture). Each of the progeny exhibits identical characteris-
tics to the original plant and is unlike any Myosotis offered
by any American nursery or book (known to me) as evi-
denced by the following characteristics:
(1) Summer, fall and winter: Golden foliage with occa-
sional green mottling.
(2) Spring: Very gold foliage with occasional green mot-
tling, very tight cobalt to violet-blue flowers.
Asexual propagation by division and tissue-culture as
done in Tigard, Oreg., shows that the foregoing character-
istics and distinctions come true to form and are established
and transmitted through succeeding propagations.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The FIGURE shows a two-year-old clump of *Myosotis*
sylvatica ‘Gold ’n Sapphires’ blooming in April.

DETAILED PLANT DESCRIPTION

The following is a detailed description of the new Myo-
sotis hybrid based on observations of specimens in Canby,
Oreg. The color descriptions are all based on The *Royal*
Horticultural Society Colour Chart and the *American*
Rhododendron Society publication: “A CONTRIBUTION
TOWARD STANDARDIZATION OF COLOR NAMES IN
HORTICULTURE.”

Foliage:
Type.—Simple; herbaceous.
Shape.—Linear-spatulate.
Length.—7 cm.–8 cm.
Width.—2.25 cm.
Petiole length.—4–6.5 cm.
Margins.—Entire, ciliate.
Apex.—Obtuse.

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Base.—Cuneate.
Leaf texture.—Sericeous (silky).
Petiole texture.—Finely pilose.
Leaf arrangement.—Tightly alternate.
Venation.—Camptodrome.
Size:
Height.—18 cm (2-yr-old plant in Oregon grown from
a 3-cm plug).
Width.—27 cm (2-yr-old plant in Oregon grown from a
3-cm plug).
Flower:
Petal count.—5.
Petal shape.—Spatulate-truncate, slightly recurved.
Flower type.—Complete; calyx tube lobed, urn-shaped.
Flower size.—8 mm.
Flower number.—5 to 15 per cyme.
Blooming habit.—Dense cymes over a mound-shaped
plant.
Bloom period.—March 15 to May 15 (in Western
Oregon).
Color characteristics:
Foliage:
Mature leaves upper surface —spring/early summer.—
R.H.S. 151 C Yellow Green group (Strong Greenish
Yellow ARS) with occasional mottling R.H.S. 137 A
to 138 A Green group.
Upper surface, late summer through winter.—R.H.S.
144 B Yellow Green group (Strong Yellow Green
ARS) with occasional mottling R.H.S. 137 A to 138
A Green group.
Lower surface.—R.H.S. 147C Yellow Green group
(Moderate Yellow Green ARS).
Flowers: R.H.S. 98B Violet Blue group (Strong Purplish
Blue ARS) fading to R.H.S. 75B Purple group.

DESCRIPTION OF THE ORIGINAL PLANT

The seed parent is identical to the new variety in every
way except for leaf coloration. The seed parent has uni-
formly green leaves whereas the new variety is characterized
by unusual golden foliage.

I claim:
1. A new and distinct hybrid of Myosotis plant substan-
tially as shown and described, characterized by unusual
golden foliage and compact habit.

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