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(54) **NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS PLANT NAMED**  
**'BALCEBAPST'**

(50) Latin Name: *Impatiens hawkeri*  
Varietal Denomination: **Balcebapst**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of New Guinea Impatiens plant  
named 'Balcebapst', characterized by its upright, uniform  
and mounded plant habit; large light and dark orange  
bi-colored flowers that are positioned above and beyond the  
leaves; and very dark green-colored leaves.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Botanical classification/cultivar denomination: *Impatiens hawkeri* cultivar Balcebapst.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-  
var of New Guinea Impatiens plant, botanically known as  
*Impatiens hawkeri*, and hereinafter referred to by the name  
'Balcebapst'.

The new Impatiens is a product of a planned breeding  
program conducted by the Inventor in Arroyo Grande, Calif.  
The objective of the breeding program is to develop New  
Guinea Impatiens cultivars that are compact, have a freely  
basal branching growth habit and numerous large flowers  
with attractive flower colors.

The new Impatiens originated from a cross-pollination  
made by the Inventor in 2000 of a proprietary selection of  
*Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number 2085, not  
patented, as the female, or seed parent, with a proprietary  
selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number  
1932, not patented, as the male, or pollen parent. The  
cultivar Balcebapst was discovered and selected by the  
Inventor as a flowering plant within the progeny of the stated  
cross-pollination in a controlled environment in Arroyo  
Grande, Calif.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal  
cuttings taken in Arroyo Grande, Calif. since June, 2000 has  
shown that the unique features of this new Impatiens are  
stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and  
are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'Balceb-  
apst'. These characteristics in combination distinguish  
'Balcebapst' as a new and distinct New Guinea Impatiens  
cultivar:

1. Upright, uniform and mounded plant habit.
2. Large light and dark orange bi-colored flowers that are  
positioned above and beyond the leaves.
3. Very dark green-colored leaves.

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Plants of the new Impatiens differ primarily from plants of  
the female and male parent selections in flower and leaf  
coloration.

Plants of the new Impatiens can be compared to plants of  
the cultivar Kimbu, disclosed in U.S. Plant patent applica-  
tion Ser. No. 09/765,323 now abandoned. In side-by-side  
comparisons conducted in West Chicago, Ill., plants of the  
new Impatiens differed from plants of the cultivar Kimbu in  
the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new Impatiens were more vigorous than  
plants of the cultivar Kimbu.
2. Plants of the new Impatiens were more freely flowering  
than plants of the cultivar Kimbu.
3. Plants of the new Impatiens had slightly larger flowers  
than plants of the cultivar Kimbu.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the  
overall appearance of the new cultivar, showing the colors as  
true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored repro-  
ductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ  
from the color values cited in the detailed botanical descrip-  
tion which accurately describe the colors of the new Impa-  
tiens.

The photograph on the first sheet comprises a side per-  
spective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Balcebapst'  
grown in a container.

The photograph on the second sheet comprises a close-up  
view of a typical flower of 'Balcebapst'.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The cultivar Balcebapst has not been observed under all  
possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary  
somewhat with variations in environment such as tempera-  
ture and light intensity without, however, any variance in  
genotype.

The aforementioned photographs and following observa-  
tions and measurements describe plants grown in West  
Chicago, Ill., under commercial practice in a polycarbonate-  
covered greenhouse with day temperatures ranging from 20



to 24° C., night temperatures ranging from 16 to 20° C. and light levels ranging from 4,000 to 6,000 footcandles. Rooted young plants were planted in 10-cm containers and had been growing for about seven to nine weeks when the photographs and the description were taken.

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 2001 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Impatiens hawkeri* cultivar Balcebapst.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number 2085, not patented.

*Male parent*.—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number 1932, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type cutting*.—Terminal cuttings.

*Time to initiate roots*.—About 7 days at 18° C.

*Time to produce a rooted cutting*.—About 21 days at 18° C.

*Root description*.—Fine, fibrous and white in color.

*Rooting habit*.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

*General appearance*.—Upright, uniform and mounded plant habit; freely basal branching growth habit, about four basal branches develop per plant. Moderately vigorous.

*Plant height*.—About 14.7 cm.

*Plant diameter or spread*.—About 27.8 cm.

*Lateral branches*.—Length: About 7.5 cm. Diameter: About 7 mm. Internode length: About 3 cm. Color: 187A.

*Foliage description*.—Arrangement: Opposite or in whorls of three to five. Length: About 8.2 cm. Width: About 2.9 cm. Shape: Elliptic. Apex: Acuminate. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Serrulate with ciliation. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Color: Young and fully expanded foliage, upper surface: Darker than 189A. Young and fully expanded foliage, lower surface: 187B. Venation, upper surface: 187B. Venation, lower surface: 187A. Petiole: Length: About 1.6 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper and lower surfaces: 187A.

Flower description:

*Flower type and flowering habit*.—Single large flowers. Freely flowering, usually about six flowers and flower buds per lateral branch. Flowers positioned

above and beyond the foliage and typically face upward or outward. Flowers not fragrant. Petals self-cleaning; gynoecium persistent.

*Flower longevity*.—Flowers last about one week on the plant.

*Flowering season*.—Year-round under greenhouse conditions; in the garden, flowering from spring until fall, flowering continuous.

*Flower buds*.—Length: About 2.4 cm. Diameter: About 1.4 cm. Shape: Ovoid. Color: 34A.

*Flower diameter*.—About 6.6 cm.

*Flower depth*.—About 2.3 cm.

*Flower shape*.—Rounded; mostly flat.

*Petals*.—Quantity: Five per flower, imbricate. Length, banner petal: About 2.9 cm. Length, lateral petals: About 3.1 cm. Length, basal petals: About 3.9 cm. Width, banner petals: About 4.5 cm. Width, lateral petals: About 3.4 cm. Width, basal petals: About 3.8 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Emarginate. Base, banner petal: Truncate. Base, lateral and basal petals: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: Ground color, 32D; central blotch on banner and central stripe on lateral and basal petals, 32A; towards base, between 53C and 53D. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: Ground color, 33D; central stripe on all petals, 53C.

*Spur*.—Quantity: One per flower. Length: About 5.5 cm. Aspect: Curved. Color: 2C faintly overlain with 184A; towards apex, 145A.

*Peduncles*.—Length: About 4.5 cm. Diameter: About 1 mm. Strength: Strong; flexible. Angle: Acute. Color: 145A faintly overlain with 184A.

*Reproductive organs*.—Androecium: Stamen quantity/arrangement: Five fused at anthers, hooded; filaments free. Anther length: About 2 mm. Anther shape: Obovate. Anther color: 11B. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: 11D. Gynoecium: Pistil quantity: One per flower. Pistil length: About 4 mm. Stigma length: Less than 1 mm. Stigma color: Close to 187D. Style length: About 2 mm. Style color: 187C. Ovary arrangement: Five-celled. Ovary length: About 2 mm. Ovary texture: Smooth. Ovary color: 137A.

*Seeds/fruits*.—Seed and fruit development has not been observed.

Disease/pest resistance: Plants of the new *Impatiens* have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to New Guinea *Impatiens*.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of New Guinea *Impatiens* plant named 'Balcebapst', as illustrated and described.

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