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

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

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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

1 Drawing Sheet

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

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
'Balcelpink'.

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 have a freely basal branch-
ing 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 the *Impatiens hawkeri*
cultivar Moorea, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No 9,147, as the
female, or seed parent, with a proprietary selection of
Impatiens hawkeri identified as code number 1508, not
patented, as the male, or pollen parent. The cultivar Bal-
celpink 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 March, 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 'Bal-
celpink'. These characteristics in combination distinguish
'Balcelpink' as a new and distinct New Guinea Impatiens
cultivar:

1. Upright, uniform and mounded plant habit.
2. Large dark pink-colored flowers that are positioned
above and beyond the leaves.
3. Green-colored leaves.

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

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Plants of the new Impatiens can be compared to plants of
the cultivar Fisnics Pink, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No.
13,228. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in West
Chicago, Ill., plants of the new Impatiens differed from
plants of the cultivar Fisnics Pink in the following charac-
teristics:

1. Plants of the new Impatiens had shorter lateral branches
with shorter internodes than plants of the cultivar
Fisnics Pink.
2. Plants of the new Impatiens had longer leaves than
plants of the cultivar Fisnics Pink.
3. Plants of the new Impatiens had larger flowers than
plants of the cultivar Fisnics Pink.
4. Plants of the new Impatiens had shorter peduncles than
plants of the cultivar Fisnics Pink.

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 at the top of the sheet comprises a side
perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Balcelpink'
grown in a container.

The photograph at the bottom of the sheet is a close-up
view of typical flowers of 'Balcelpink'.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The cultivar Balcelpink 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 14 to 18° C. and light levels ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 footcandles. Rooted young plants were planted in 10-cm containers and had been growing for about 13 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 Balcelpink.

Parentage:

Female parent.—*Impatiens hawkeri* cultivar Moorea, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 9,147.

Male parent.—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number 1508, 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 17.3 cm.

Plant diameter or spread.—About 31.8 cm.

Lateral branches.—Length: About 8.3 cm. Diameter: About 9 mm. Internode length: About 2.4 cm. Color: 144B.

Foliage description.—Arrangement: Opposite or in whorls of three to five. Length: About 9.6 cm. Width: About 3.4 cm. Shape: Elliptic. Apex: Acuminate. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Serrulate with ciliation. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Color: Young foliage, upper surface: 146A. Young foliage, lower surface: 147B. Fully expanded foliage, upper surface: 137A. Fully expanded foliage, lower surface: 147B. Venation, upper surface: Midvein, 145C occasionally overlain with 63B; lateral veins, 145C. Venation, lower surface: 145C. Petiole: Length: About 1.5 cm. Diameter: About 3.3 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper and lower surfaces: 145C.

Flower description:

Flower type and flowering habit.—Single large flowers. Freely flowering, usually about three 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 2.2 cm. Diameter: About 1.4 cm. Shape: Ovoid. Color: N66B.

Flower diameter.—About 7.5 cm.

Flower depth.—About 1.8 cm.

Flower shape.—Rounded.

Petals.—Quantity: Five per flower, imbricate. Length, banner petal: About 3.6 cm. Length, lateral petals: About 3.7 cm. Length, basal petals: About 3.9 cm. Width, banner petals: About 5.7 cm. Width, lateral petals: About 4.5 cm. Width, basal petals: About 5.4 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, upper surface: 73A. When opening, lower surface: 73B. Fully opened, upper surface: N66C; towards base, N66A. Fully opened, lower surface: 68B. Spur: Quantity: One per flower. Length: About 7.5 cm. Aspect: Slightly curved. Color: 53C; towards apex, 144C.

Peduncles.—Length: About 6 cm. Diameter: About 1 mm. Strength: Strong; flexible. Angle: Acute. Color: 145A overlain with 53B.

Reproductive organs.—Androecium: Stamen quantity/arrangement: Five fused at anthers, hooded; filaments free. Anther length: About 1 mm. Anther shape: Obovate. Anther color: 56D. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: 11D. Gynoecium: Pistil quantity: One per flower. Pistil length: About 6 mm. Stigma length: Less than 1 mm. Stigma color: Colorless. Style length: Less than 1 mm. Style color: 50B. Ovary arrangement: Five-celled. Ovary length: About 1 mm. Ovary texture: Smooth. Ovary color: N144C.

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 'Balcelpink', as illustrated and described.

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