



US00PP14787P3

(12) **United States Plant Patent**  
**VanLaeken**

(10) **Patent No.:** **US PP14,787 P3**

(45) **Date of Patent:** **May 18, 2004**

(54) **CLEMATIS PLANT NAMED ‘SPRINKLES’**

(58) **Field of Search** ..... Plt./228

(50) Latin Name: *Clematis*  
Varietal Denomination: **Sprinkles**

(56) **References Cited**

**PUBLICATIONS**

(76) Inventor: **James P. VanLaeken**, P.O. Box 552,  
Walworth, NY (US) 14568

Spring Valley Greenhouse, Inc. Catalogue (4th ed) p. 9  
“Ernest Markham”.

(\* ) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this  
patent is extended or adjusted under 35  
U.S.C. 154(b) by 4 days.

*Primary Examiner*—Kent Bell  
(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Fred L. Denson

(21) Appl. No.: **09/964,948**

(57) **ABSTRACT**

(22) Filed: **Sep. 27, 2001**

A new variety of clematis plant named ‘Sprinkles’. The  
variety is characterized by wavy edged petals having  
sprinkles of light pink distributed throughout the tepal  
surface and a light pink bar that extends along the center  
longitudinal axis of each tepal.

(65) **Prior Publication Data**

US 2003/0061646 P1 Mar. 27, 2003

(51) **Int. Cl.**<sup>7</sup> ..... **A01H 5/00**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **Plt./228**

**1 Drawing Sheet**

**1**

Botanical classification: *Clematis*.  
Cultivar designation: ‘Sprinkles’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE NEW VARIETY**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of clematis species plant, hereinafter referred to by the name  
‘Sprinkles’ (i.e. Genus *Clematis*, cultivar ‘Sprinkles’, spe-  
cies name unknown).

The new variety was discovered in a controlled planting  
of cultivated plants in a clematis nursery in Walworth, N.Y.  
in 1994. Plants were asexually propagated and observed  
over the next four years. In 1998, an offspring was selected  
and planted in an outside garden area and observed over the  
next two years. Propagation was done in Walworth, N.Y.  
Asexual propagation by vegetative cuttings has shown that  
the propagules are identical to the original plant in all  
distinguishing characteristics. The stability of the variety is  
evidenced by the distinguishing characteristics remaining  
true to form from generation to generation. The parentage of  
the variety is unknown; therefore, a species name is not  
designated.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Among the features which distinguish the new variety  
from other presently available and known commercial  
clematis cultivars are the unique color of the flower and the  
long blooming habit of the plant. The flower has sprinkles of  
light pink which are distributed throughout the tepals. A  
tepal typically carries a light pink bar that extends along its  
center longitudinal axis. While the light pink bar is not  
dominant or very pronounced or consistent throughout the  
flowers, it is consistent throughout the plant itself. However,  
the light pink bar may appear to be near white when  
contrasted against the rose pink color of the tepal edge. Their  
wavy edged tepals and rose-tipped stamens further distin-  
guish the flowers.

**2**

**RELEVANT PRIOR ART**

The new variety is somewhat similar in appearance to the  
Ernest Markham variety as shown in the Spring Valley  
Greenhouse, Inc. catalogue (4<sup>th</sup> Edition) at page 9. While the  
flowers of both varieties are about the same size and have  
wavy edged tepals, there is a marked difference in the  
coloration of the tepals. The tepals of the Ernest Markham  
variety are a solid, magenta-red (PANTONE® #512C),  
whereas the tepals of the new variety have edges which are  
rose pink (PANTONE® #246U) and which fade to light pink  
in the center thereby forming a light pink bar in the middle  
of the tepal. Moreover, light pink is also sprinkled through-  
out the tepals creating an aesthetically soft appearance.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH**

The accompanying photograph illustrates the overall  
appearance of the new variety. The flower and foliage colors  
as shown are, within the limitations of color photography,  
accurate and true reproductions of the actual colors of the  
new variety. The photographic view is a front elevation of  
typical *Clematis Sprinkles* in full bloom.

**BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The following information is based on a six year old plant  
grown in Walworth, N.Y. Color references are based on using  
the PANTONE® matching system.

**I. Plant:**

- A. *Form*.—Upright climbing or spreading.
- B. *Growth*.—Vigorous, vining. 1. Height: approxi-  
mately 10 feet to 12 feet. 2. Diameter/Spread:  
approximately 3 feet to 4 feet.
- C. *Foliage*.—Deciduous, compound-trifoliate, oppo-  
site. 1. Size typical and observed: a. compound leaf  
length 2.5 inches, width 4.25 inches. b. individual  
leaflets length 1.75 inches, width 1 inch. c. simple  
leaf length 3 inches, width 2 inches. 2. Quantity per

- stem: typical and observed about 60. 3. Color: a. upper surface: dark green (PANTONE® #371C). b. lower surface: medium green (PANTONE® #377U). 4. Shape: lower leaves sometimes simple; normally three ovate leaflets in pinnate form; each leaf is cordate shaped. a. leaf base, typical and observed: rounded. b. leaf apex, typical and observed: acute. c. leaf edge, typical and observed: margin is entire. 5. Texture: upper side-glabrous veined, underside-ribbed. 6. Petiole: a. color: green/red (PANTONE® #384U). b. length, typical and observed: 2 inches. c. diameter, typical and observed:  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch.
- D. *Wood*.—1. New shoots. a. Color: light green (PANTONE® #582U). b. Bark: smooth. c. Internodes: cylindrical, approximately from about 5 inches to about 8 inches in length and  $\frac{3}{32}$  inch in diameter. 2. Old Wood. a. Color: light brown (PANTONE® #154C). b. Bark: rough.
- E. *Hardiness*.—Zones 4 through 8.
- F. *Disease*.—a. subject to any disease that normally affects clematis. b. has shown resistance to powdery mildew.
- G. *Pests*.—a. subject to any pests that normally affect clematis.
- II. Flower:
- A. *Blooming habit*.—Recurrent, June to September based on climate in Rochester, N.Y. area.
- B. *Bud*.—1. Size: typical and observed from about 1.5 inches to about 2.0 inches in length and about  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch in diameter. 2. Form: elliptic to ovate. 3. Color: green/grayish white (PANTONE® #435C).
- C. *Stem*.—1. Length: from about 6 inches to about 8 inches. 2. Aspect: vertical. 3. Strength: erect. 4. Color: green (PANTONE® #582U), turning red/purple (PANTONE® #476C) with age.
- D. *Bloom*.—1. Size, typical and observed: from about 4 inches to about 6 inches in diameter with a depth of 0.5 inch. 2. Form: round, very symmetrical with six (6) tepals of equal size overlapping with wavy margins. 3. Color upper surface: edges of tepals are rose pink (PANTONE® #246U) fading to light pink (PANTONE® #250C) in the center; this color (PANTONE® #250C) is also sprinkled throughout

- the tepals giving the plant a very soft look to the human eye. 4. Color lower surface: (PANTONE® #248U) fading to center color (PANTONE® #243U). 5. Characteristics: borne on 6 inch to 8 inch stems; suitable for cut flower arrangements. 6. Quantity: very floriferous, resulting from multiple buds formed on each stem, the typical and observed number of blooms per stem being from about 7 to about 10, and the typical and observed number of stems per plant being from about 50 to about 75. 7. Lastingness: about 7 to about 10 days as a cut flower and about 10 days to about 14 days on the plant.
- E. *Tepals*.—1. Form: obovate in shape, starting  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide at its base, expanding halfway up to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches at its widest point and then tapering down to a pointed apex, the typical and observed overall tepal length being about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches. 2. Arrangement: regularly arranged, slightly overlapping at base. 3. Fragrance: none. 4. Color: (see II D 3 and II D 4 above). 5. Margins, typical and observed: wavy, irregular. 6. Base, typical and observed: narrow.
- III. Reproductive organs:
- A. *Stamens, filaments and anthers*.—1. Arrangement: regularly arranged. 2. Stamens: typical and observed, 85 to 100 per bloom, (PANTONE® #461C), length  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch. 3. Anther: (PANTONE® #469C), length  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch. 4. Pistil: typical and observed from about 35 to about 50 per bloom,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in length.
- B. *Pollen*.—1. Color: off white (PANTONE® #468C). 2. Amount: scarce.
- C. *Styles*.—Bunched, even, average length.
- D. *Stigmas*.—1. Color: off white (PANTONE® #461C).
- E. *Seed, typical and observed*.—1. Diameter:  $\frac{3}{16}$  inch. 2. Thickness:  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch. 3. Color: (PANTONE® #145U). 4. Shape: spherical. 5. Quantity per bloom: 10 to 20. 6. Description: 1 inch to about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in length, persistent style which is clothed with silky hairs  $\frac{1}{16}$  inch in length.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of clematis plant named 'Sprinkles' as shown and described herein.

\* \* \* \* \*

