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**(12) United States Plant Patent**  
**Brown****(10) Patent No.: US PP15,545 P2****(45) Date of Patent: Feb. 8, 2005****(54) DIASCIA PLANT NAMED 'CODILAV'****(50)** Latin Name: *Diascia*×*hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: **Codilav****(75)** Inventor: **Graham Noel Brown**, Pennant Hills  
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U.S.C. 154(b) by 7 days.**(21)** Appl. No.: **10/818,491****(22)** Filed: **Apr. 5, 2004****(51) Int. Cl.<sup>7</sup> ..... A01H 5/00****(52) U.S. Cl. .... Plt./263****(58) Field of Search ..... Plt./263***Primary Examiner*—Anne Marie Grunberg*Assistant Examiner*—Annette H Para**(74) Attorney, Agent, or Firm**—C. A. Whealy**(57) ABSTRACT**A new and distinct cultivar of *Diascia* plant named  
'Codilav', characterized by its compact and upright plant  
habit; freely branching habit; freely flowering habit; light  
purple-colored flowers with red purple-colored centers; and  
good temperature tolerance.**1 Drawing Sheet****1**Botanical classification/cultivar designation: *Diascia*×*hy-*  
*brida* cultivar Codilav.**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-  
var of *Diascia* plant, botanically known as *Diascia*×*hybrida*,  
and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name Codilav.The new *Diascia* is a product of a planned breeding  
program conducted by the Inventor in Cobbitty, New South  
Wales, Australia. The objective of the breeding program is to  
create new compact *Diascias* with numerous flowers and  
attractive flower coloration.The new *Diascia* originated from a cross-pollination  
made by the Inventor in the spring of 2000 of the *Diascia*×  
*hybrida* cultivar Codiap, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
13,169, as the female, or seed parent, with a proprietary  
*Diascia*×*hybrida* selection identified as X99.54.9, not  
patented, as the male, or pollen parent. The new *Diascia* was  
selected as a single plant from the resulting progeny of the  
cross-pollination by the Inventor in September, 2001, in an  
controlled environment in Cobbitty, New South Wales,  
Australia.Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal  
cuttings in a controlled environment in Cobbitty, New South  
Wales, Australia since September, 2001 has shown that the  
unique features of this new *Diascia* are stable and repro-  
duced true to type in successive generations.**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**Plants of the cultivar Codilav have not been observed  
under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype  
may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as  
temperature and light intensity without, however, any vari-  
ance in genotype.The following traits have been repeatedly observed and  
are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'Codilav'.  
These characteristics in combination distinguish 'Codilav'  
as a new and distinct cultivar of *Diascia*:

1. Compact and upright plant habit.
2. Freely branching habit.

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3. Freely flowering habit.

4. Light purple-colored flowers with red purple-colored  
centers.

5. Good temperature tolerance.

Plants of the new *Diascia* differ from plants of the female  
parent, the cultivar Codiap, in flower color as plants of the  
cultivar Codiap have soft orange-colored flowers. Plants of  
the new *Diascia* differ from plants of the male parent  
selection in flower color as plants of the male parent  
selection have pink-colored flowers.Plants of the new *Diascia* can be compared to plants of the  
cultivar Strawberry Sundae, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No.  
11,488. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Cobbitty,  
New South Wales, Australia, plants of the new *Diascia*  
differed from plants of the cultivar Strawberry Sundae in the  
following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Diascia* were more compact than  
plants of the cultivar Strawberry Sundae.
2. Plants of the new *Diascia* had larger flowers than plants  
of the cultivar Strawberry Sundae.
3. Plants of the new *Diascia* and the cultivar Strawberry  
Sundae differed in flower color as plants of the cultivar  
Strawberry Sundae had bright pink-colored flowers.

**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  
slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical  
description which accurately describe the colors of the new  
*Diascia*.The photograph at the top of the sheet comprises a side  
perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Codilav'  
grown in a container.The photograph at the bottom of the sheet comprises a  
close-up view of typical flowers of 'Codilav'.**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**The aforementioned photographs and following observa-  
tions and measurements describe plants grown in Encinitas,

Calif., in an outdoor nursery during the winter and spring with day temperatures averaging 24° C., night temperatures averaging 12° C., and light levels about 6,000 foot candles. Plants were grown for about 16 weeks with three plants per one-gallon container; plants were pinched one time.

Color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Diascia*×*hybrida* cultivar Codilav.  
Parentage:

*Female parent.*—*Diascia*×*hybrida* cultivar Codiap, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 13,169.

*Male parent.*—Proprietary *Diascia*×*hybrida* selection identified as X99.54.9, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type cutting.*—Terminal vegetative cuttings.

*Time to initiate roots, summer and winter.*—About one week at 20° C.

*Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer and winter.*—About three weeks at 20° C.

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

*Rooting habit.*—Freely branching; dense.

Plant description:

*Form.*—Upright and compact plant habit. Freely branching with lateral branches potentially forming at every node. Moderately vigorous growth habit.

*Plant height.*—About 20 cm.

*Plant diameter, single plant.*—About 16.5 cm.

*Lateral branches.*—Appearance: Thin, wiry; upright. Length: About 20 cm. Diameter: About 1.5 mm. Internode length: About 1.6 cm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: 144A.

*Foliage description.*—Arrangement: Opposite; simple. Length: About 2.3 cm. Width: About 1.8 cm. Shape: Deltoid to slightly cordate. Apex: Broadly acute. Base: Truncate to cordate. Margin: Slightly serrate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Color: Developing foliage, upper surface: 146A. Developing foliage, lower surface: 146B. Fully expanded foliage, upper surface: 147A. Fully expanded foliage, lower surface: 147B. Venation, upper and lower surfaces: 147B. Petiole length: About 3 mm. Petiole diameter: About 2 mm. Petiole color: 144A.

Flower description:

*Flower type and habit.*—Solitary zygomorphic flowers arranged on terminal racemes. Five modified petals fused at base: two upper (banner) petals, two lateral petals, and one larger lower lip petal. Flowers not persistent. Flowers face mostly outwardly.

*Quantity.*—Freely flowering; typically about 18 to 20 buds and flowers per lateral branch.

*Natural flowering season.*—Plants typically flower during the spring in the Northern Hemisphere; flowering continuous during this period.

*Flower longevity on the plant.*—About four days.

*Fragrance.*—Not detected.

*Inflorescence size.*—Length: About 6.5 cm. Width: About 4 cm.

*Flower size.*—Length: About 2.3 cm. Width: About 2 cm. Depth: About 1.2 cm.

*Flower buds (showing color).*—Length: About 4 mm. Diameter: About 5 mm. Shape: Ovoid. Color: 75D.

*Petals.*—Quantity/arrangement: Five modified petals fused at base: two upper (banner) petals, two lateral petals, and one larger lower lip petal. Base of banner petals with concave yellow eyespots; lower surfaces of lateral petals modified into nectar spurs; and lower lip petal convex forming a roughly horizontal insect landing platform. Length: Banner petals: About 6 mm. Lateral petals: About 7 mm. Lower lip petal: About 1.2 cm. Width: Banner petals: About 5 mm. Lateral petals: About 8 mm. Lower lip petal: About 1.4 cm. Lateral petal spur: Length: About 6 mm. Diameter, at petal attachment: About 2 mm. Shape, all petals: Roughly spatulate. Apex, all petals: Rounded. Margin, all petals: Entire. Texture, all petals, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, velvety. Color, all petals: When opening, upper surface: 62B. When opening, lower surface: 65D. Fully opened, upper surface: 75A; towards base, 72D; color becoming closer to 75B with development. Fully opened, lower surface: 75C to 75D. Nectar spurs: 77B. Eyespot on banner petals: 7A.

*Sepals.*—Arrangement/appearance: Single whorl of five sepals fused at base; star-shaped. Length: About 4 mm. Width: About 2 mm. Shape: Elliptic. Apex: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper and lower surfaces: 144A.

*Peduncles.*—Length: About 1.75 cm. Width: About 1 mm. Angle: Upright to about 45° from vertical. Strength: Moderately strong. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: 144A.

*Pedicels.*—Length: About 1.2 cm. Width: Less than 1 mm. Angle: About 45° from the peduncle. Strength: Moderately strong; slender. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: 144A.

*Reproductive organs.*—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Four. Anther shape: Ovoid. Anther length: Less than 1 mm. Anther color: 12B. Pollen amount: Scarce. Pollen color: 12A. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 4 mm. Style length: About 2 mm. Style color: 144D. Stigma shape: Rounded. Stigma color: 144D. Ovary color: 145A.

*Fruit/seed.*—Fruit and seed production has not been observed.

*Disease/pest resistance:* Plants of the new *Diascia* have not been noted to be resistant to pathogens or pests common to *Diascia*.

*Temperature tolerance:* Plants of the new *Diascia* have been observed to tolerate temperatures from 0 to 35° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Diascia* plant named 'Codilav', as illustrated and described.

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