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(54) ***ELAEOCARPUS* PLANT NAMED**
'MONPROUD'

(50) Latin Name: *Elaeocarpus decipiens*
Varietal Denomination: **Monproud**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Elaeocarpus* plant named
'Monproud', characterized by its upright, columnar and
compact plant habit; relatively slow growth rate; short
internodes and relatively small leaves; dense and bushy
plant form; and elliptically-shaped, undulate and twisting
leaves that are initially bronzed green in color becoming
dark green with development.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical designation: *Elaeocarpus decipiens*.
Cultivar denomination: 'Monproud'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-
var of *Elaeocarpus* plant, botanically known as *Elaeocarpus*
decipiens, and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name
Monproud.

The new *Elaeocarpus* originated from a cross-pollination
of an unnamed selection of *Elaeocarpus decipiens*, not
patented, as the female, or seed, parent with an unnamed
selection of *Elaeocarpus decipiens*, not patented, as the
male, or pollen, parent. The new *Elaeocarpus* was selected
as a single plant from the resulting progeny of the cross-
pollination by the Inventor in a controlled environment in
Azusa, Calif. in August, 2001.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal
cuttings in a controlled environment in Azusa, Calif., since
October, 2001, has shown that the unique features of this
new *Elaeocarpus* are stable and reproduced true to type in
successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar Monproud have not been observed
under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype
may vary somewhat with variations in environment and
culture such as temperature and light intensity, without,
however, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'Mon-
proud'. These characteristics in combination distinguish
'Monproud' as a new and distinct *Elaeocarpus* cultivar:

1. Upright, columnar and compact plant habit.
2. Relatively slow growth rate.
3. Short internodes and relatively small leaves; dense and
bushy plant form.

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4. Elliptically-shaped, undulate and twisting leaves that
are initially bronzed green in color becoming dark
green with development.

Plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* can be compared to plants
of the parent selections and other selections of *Elaeocarpus*
known to the Inventor. In side-by-side comparisons con-
ducted in Azusa, Calif., plants of the new *Elaeocarpus*
differed from plants of the parent selections and other
selections of *Elaeocarpus* known to the Inventor in the
following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* had shorter internodes
than plants of the parent selections and other selections
known to the Inventor.
2. Plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* had smaller leaves than
plants of the parent selections and other selections
known to the Inventor.
3. Leaves of plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* were more
undulate and twisting and had more pronounced vena-
tion than leaves of plants of the parent selections and
other selections known to the Inventor.

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
Elaeocarpus.

The photograph at the bottom of sheet comprises a side
perspective view of a typical plant of 'Monproud' grown in
a container.

The photograph at the top of the sheet comprises a
close-up view of typical leaves of 'Monproud'.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to
The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition,

except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. Plants used for the aforementioned photographs and following description were grown in five-gallon containers in an outdoor nursery for about three years in Azusa, Calif. During the production of the plants, day temperatures ranged from about 24° C. to about 29° C. and night temperatures ranged from about 4° C. to about 12° C.

Botanical classification: *Elaeocarpus decipiens* cultivar Monproud.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Unnamed selection of *Elaeocarpus decipiens*, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Unnamed selection of *Elaeocarpus decipiens*, not patented.

Propagation:

Type cutting.—Terminal cuttings.

Time to produce a rooted young plant.—About 80 days.

Root description.—Thick, woody with age; new roots, reddish white, with development becoming closer to light brown.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

Form.—Perennial shrub; compact, upright and columnar plant habit; relatively slow growth rate. Short internodes and relatively small leaves; dense and bushy plant form. Freely branching; about 26 lateral branches per plant.

Plant height.—About 98 cm.

Plant diameter.—About 58 cm.

Lateral branches.—Length: About 38 cm. Diameter: About 1.2 cm. Internode length: About 1.5 cm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color, young: Close to 144A. Color, woody: Close to 201A.

Foliage description.—Arrangement: Alternate; simple.

Length: About 8.4 cm. Width: About 2.3 cm. Shape: Elliptic. Aspect: Twisting. Apex: Acute. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Shallowly serrate; undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; tough, leathery. Venation pattern: Pinnate, arcuate. Color: Developing foliage, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 146A overlain with close to 184A. Fully expanded foliage, upper surface: Close to 147A; with development, overlain with close to 42A. Fully expanded foliage, lower surface: Close to 148A. Venation, upper surface: Close to 144A. Venation, lower surface: Midrib, close to 185A; lateral veins, close to 148A. Petiole length: About 1 cm. Petiole diameter: About 2 mm. Petiole texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Petiole color, upper surface: Close to 184A. Petiole color, lower surface: Close to 146D.

Flower description: Flower development has not been observed on plants of the new *Elaeocarpus*.

Disease/pest resistance: Plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* grown in the garden have not been noted to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Elaeocarpus*.

Weather tolerance: Plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* have been observed to be very tolerant to rain and wind.

Temperature tolerance: Plants of the new *Elaeocarpus* have been observed to be tolerant to temperatures ranging from -12° C. to 43° C.

It is claimed:

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

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