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(54) **ALSTROEMERIA PLANT NAMED ‘ZAPRITERES’**

(50) Latin Name: *Alstroemeria hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: **Zapriteres**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Alstroemeria* plant named  
‘Zapriteres’, characterized by its compact and mounded  
plant habit; vigorous growth habit; light and dark pink-  
colored flowers; and good postproduction longevity.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical designation: *Alstroemeria hybrida*.  
Cultivar denomination: ‘Zapriteres’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct culti-  
var of *Alstroemeria* plant, botanically known as *Alstroeme-  
ria hybrida*, commercially used as a container *Alstroemeria*,  
and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Zapriteres’.

The new *Alstroemeria* is a naturally-occurring branch  
mutation of the *Alstroemeria hybrida* cultivar Staprivane,  
disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 14,131. The new *Alstro-  
emeria* was discovered and selected by the Inventor from a  
single plant within a population of plants of the cultivar  
Staprivane in a controlled environment in Rijnsenhout, The  
Netherlands on May 13, 2002.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by root divisions  
in a controlled environment in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands,  
since August, 2002, has shown that the unique features of  
this new *Alstroemeria* are stable and reproduced true to type  
in successive generations of asexual propagation.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Plants of the cultivar Zapriteres 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 ‘Zapri-  
terres’. These characteristics in combination distinguish  
‘Zapriteres’ as a new and distinct cultivar:

1. Compact and mounded plant habit.
2. Vigorous growth habit.

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3. Light and dark pink-colored flowers.
4. Good postproduction longevity.

Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* can be compared to plants  
of the parent, the cultivar Staprivane. In side-by-side com-  
parisons conducted in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands, plants  
of the new *Alstroemeria* differed primarily from plants of the  
cultivar Staprivane in flower coloration as plants of the  
cultivar Staprivane had darker pink-colored flowers.

Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* can also be compared to  
plants of the cultivar Staprilene, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat.  
No. 11,683. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in  
Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands, plants of the new *Alstroemeria*  
differed from plants of the cultivar Staprilene in the follow-  
ing characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* were more freely  
branching than plants of the cultivar Staprilene.
2. Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* had shorter leaves than  
plants of the cultivar Staprilene.
3. Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* and the cultivar Stap-  
rilene differed in flower coloration as plants of the  
cultivar Staprilene had white-colored flowers.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH**

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the  
overall appearance of the new *Alstroemeria*, showing the  
colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored  
reproductions of this type. Colors in the photograph may  
differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed  
botanical description which accurately describe the colors of  
the new *Alstroemeria*. The photograph comprises a side  
perspective view of a typical flowering plant of ‘Zapriteres’  
grown in a container.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The aforementioned photograph and following observa-  
tions and measurements describe plants of the new *Alstro-*



*emeria* grown in 17-cm containers in Rijsenhout, The Netherlands in a glass-covered greenhouse in ground beds. During the production of the plants, day temperatures ranged from 15° C. to 25° C., night temperatures ranged from 10° C. to 15° C. and light levels averaged 5,000 lux. Plants used for the photograph and description were about four months-old. The photograph and the description were taken in February, 2005. 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: *Alstroemeria hybrida* cultivar Zapriteres.

Parentage: Naturally-occurring branch mutation of the *Alstroemeria hybrida* cultivar Staprivane, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 14,131.

Propagation:

*Type*.—By root divisions.

*Root description*.—Fibrous, fleshy, thick; white, close to 155D, in color.

*Rooting habit*.—Freely branching.

*Rhizomes*.—Shape: Elongate; rounded. Length: About 10 to 30 cm. Diameter: About 3 to 10 mm. Texture: Smooth. Color: Close to 155D.

Plant description:

*Plant habit*.—Compact and mounded growth habit; freely branching, bushy appearance. Vigorous growth habit.

*Plant height*.—About 20 cm to 30 cm.

*Plant diameter (spread)*.—About 40 cm to 50 cm.

*Lateral stem description*.—Aspect: Mostly upright. Quantity per plant: About 15 to 20. Length: About 20 cm to 30 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm to 5 mm. Internode length: About 5 mm to 2.5 cm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Glabrous, smooth. Color: Close to 144A.

*Foliage description*.—Leaves asymmetrical; sessile. Length: About 6 cm to 9 cm. Width: About 1.5 cm to 2.5 cm. Shape: Lanceolate to oblong. Apex: Acute. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Venation pattern: Parallel. Color: Developing and fully developed foliage, upper surface: Close to 137A; slightly glossy; venation, similar to lamina. Developing and fully developed foliage, lower surface: Close to 138A; venation, similar to lamina.

Flower description:

*Flower type and habit*.—Single cup-shaped flowers arranged in compound umbels. Perianth segments separate. Freely and continuously flowering. Flowers not persistent.

*Natural flowering season*.—Flowering continuous during the spring in The Netherlands.

*Fragrance*.—None detected.

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

*Flower buds*.—Length: About 3.5 cm to 4 cm. Diameter: About 1 cm to 1.5 cm. Shape: Roughly ovoid. Color: Close to 145A.

*Umbel length*.—About 9 cm to 12 cm.

*Umbel diameter*.—About 11 cm to 15 cm.

*Number of flowers per umbel*.—About 2 to 14.

*Flower length (height)*.—About 6 cm to 7 cm.

*Flower diameter*.—About 6 cm to 7 cm.

*Flower depth*.—About 5 cm to 6 cm.

*Perianth*.—Arrangement: Six arranged in two whorls, each whorl with two lateral and one median segments. Outer perianth: Length, lateral segments: About 5 cm to 5.5 cm. Width, lateral segments: About 3 cm to 3.5 cm. Length, median segment: About 5.5 cm to 6 cm. Width, median segment: About 3 cm to 3.5 cm. Shape, lateral and median segments: Obovate. Apex, lateral and median segments: Emarginate with an apical tip. Base, lateral and median segments: Attenuate. Margin, lateral and median segments: Entire; weakly undulate. Texture, lateral and median segments: Smooth, glabrous; velvety. Color, lateral and median segments, when opening and fully opened, upper surface: 73C; towards the center 64C; apical tip, close to 144A. Color, lateral and median segments, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: 73D; apical tip, close to 144A. Inner perianth: Length, lateral segments: About 5.5 cm to 6 cm. Width, lateral segments: About 1.5 cm to 2 cm. Length, median segment: About 5 cm to 5.5 cm. Width, median segment: About 1.5 cm to 2 cm. Shape, lateral and median segments: Oblanceolate. Apex, lateral segments: Emarginate. Apex, median segment: Acute. Base, lateral and median segments: Attenuate. Margin, lateral and median segments: Entire; weakly undulate. Texture, lateral and median segments: Smooth, glabrous; velvety. Color, lateral segments, when opening and fully opened, upper surface: Towards the apex, 64C; center, 2C; towards the base, 73C; apical tip, close to 144A; stripes, close to 59A. Color, lateral segments, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: 73C; apical tips, close to 144A. Color, median segment; when opening and fully opened, upper surface: Towards the apex, 73B; center, 64B; towards the base, 65D; apical tip, close to 144A; stripes, close to 59A. Color, median segment; when opening and fully opened, lower surface: 65B; apical tip, close to 144A.

*Peduncles*.—Length: About 1.5 cm to 3 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm to 3 mm. Strength: Strong. Angle: About 20° to 40° from vertical. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 144A.

*Pedicels*.—Length: About 5 mm to 10 mm. Diameter: About 1 mm to 2 mm. Strength: Strong. Angle: About 20° to 40° from vertical. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 144A.

*Reproductive organs*.—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Six. Anther shape: Elliptical. Anther length: About 8 mm. Anther diameter: About 3 mm. Anther color: Close to 152B. Filament length: About 3.7 cm to 4.3 cm. Filament color: 64C. Pollen amount: Scarce. Pollen color: Brownish. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Style length: About 4 cm to 5 cm. Style color: 63B. Stigma color: 63B. Ovary color: Close to 166A.

*Fruit*.—Quantity of fruit per plant: Few. Shape: Globular. Size: About 8 mm by 6 mm. Color: 137A.

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

Temperature tolerance: Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* have been observed to tolerate temperatures from -5° C. to 40° C.

It is claimed:

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

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