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(54) PETUNIA PLANT NAMED 'PET0601'

(50) Latin Name: *Petunia×hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: PET0601

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## (57) ABSTRACT

A new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant named 'PET0601', characterized by its mounding and outwardly spreading plant habit; freely branching, vigorous growth habit; green foliage; and numerous light lavender colored flowers with dark lavender colored venation.

## 2 Drawing Sheets

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Botanical designation: *Petunia×hybrida*.  
Cultivar denomination: 'PET0601'.

## BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Petunia* plant, botanically known as *Petunia×hybrida*, and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'PET0601'.

The new *Petunia* originated from a conventional cross of proprietary *Petunia* selections, 'White Lightning' (the female parent; not patented) and 'Nor'Easter' (the male parent; not patented) conducted on April 18th of 2003 in a cultivated area of Aquebogue, N.Y. Seeds from this cross were planted and the individual plant known as 'PET0601' was selected because of its combination of exceptional features, and has been propagated asexually by vegetative cuttings since that time. The unique features of this new *Petunia* are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

## SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the cultivar 'PET0601' 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 variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'PET0601'. These characteristics in combination distinguish 'PET0601' as a new and distinct cultivar:

1. Mounding, outwardly spreading plant habit.
2. Freely branching, vigorous growth habit.
3. Numerous light lavender flowers with dark lavender venation.

Plants of the new *Petunia* differ from the parent plants in plant vigor and in the abundance of double blooms.

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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new cultivar, showing the colors as true as it reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions 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 *Petunia*.

10 The photograph on the first sheet comprises a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'PET0601' grown in a container.

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The photograph on the second sheet comprises a close-up view of typical leaves and flowers of 'PET0601'.

## DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

20 The aforementioned photographs and following observations and measurements describe plants grown in Aquebogue, N.Y., under commercial practice during the spring and summer in a polyethylene covered greenhouse with day temperatures averaging 22 degrees C., night temperatures averaging 17 degrees C., and light levels ranging from 9,000 to 12,000 lux. Plants were grown for about 16 weeks in 25 cm containers. In the following description, 25 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: *Petunia×hybrida* cultivar 'PET0601'.

Parentage: Female: Petunia 'White Lightning', Male: *Petunia* 'Nor'Easter'.



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