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(54) **CORDYLINE PLANT NAMED ‘FALCON’**

(50) Latin Name: *Cordyline baueri*  
Varietal Denomination: **Falcon**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new cultivar of *Cordyline* plant named ‘Falcon’ that is  
characterized by red-brown leaves and a compact habit.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical classification: *Cordyline baueri*. Variety  
denomination: ‘Falcon’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of *Cordyline baueri* and hereinafter referred to by the  
cultivar name ‘Falcon’. The new cultivar was discovered by  
the inventor in a seed bed of *Cordyline baueri* in a cultivated  
area of Whenuapai, New Zealand in 1999. The exact parents  
are unknown. ‘Falcon’ was selected as a single plant.

The new *Cordyline* plant ‘Falcon’ is distinct and unique  
due to its red-brown leaves and compact habit.

The new cultivar was first asexually propagated by tissue  
culture in Hastings, New Zealand in 2000. Since that time,  
under careful observation, the unique characteristics of the  
new cultivar have been uniform, stable and reproduced true  
to type in successive generations of asexual reproduction.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The new *Cordyline* ‘Falcon’ is distinguished from other  
known varieties of *Cordyline*, by the following characteris-  
tics:

1. Compact habit.
2. Red-brown leaves.

The closest comparison cultivars are *Cordyline* ‘Purple  
Towel’ (not patented) and *Cordyline* ‘Red Star’ (not  
patented). ‘Falcon’ is distinguishable from ‘Purple Towel’  
by its compact habit and deep root system. ‘Falcon’ is  
distinguishable from ‘Red Star’ by its compact habit and  
red-brown leaf color.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The accompanying color photograph illustrates the dis-  
tinguishing characteristics of the new cultivar ‘Falcon’. The  
photograph shows an overall view of a 2 year old plant. All  
photographs are taken using conventional photographic  
techniques and although foliage colors may appear different  
from actual colors due to light reflectance, they are as  
accurate as possible by conventional photography.

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**BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT**

The following is a detailed description of the *Cordyline*  
cultivar named ‘Falcon’. Data was collected in Whenuapai,  
New Zealand from 2.5 year old plants. The plants were  
grown outdoors under natural conditions. The time of year  
was Winter (Southern Hemisphere). Phenotypic differences  
may be observed with variations in environmental, climatic,  
and cultural conditions, without however, any difference in  
genotype. Color determinations are in accordance with the  
1995 Royal Horticultural Society Color Chart except where  
general color terms of ordinary dictionary significance are  
used. The growing requirements are similar to the species  
and no disease problems have been observed.

Botanical classification: *Cordyline baueri* ‘Falcon’.

Common name: Cabbage Tree.

Parentage: The parents of ‘Falcon’ are unknown.

Type: Ornamental perennial.

Growth rate: 5 cm. per month.

Habit: Upright, clump forming.

Height: 70 cm. in height.

Spread: 80 cm. in width.

Hardiness: USDA zone 6 to zone 10.

Propagation method: Tissue Culture.

Vigor: Medium.

Root system: Fine and fibrous.

Pinching: No.

Stem:

*Number of stems.*—1.

*Shape.*—Round.

*Surface.*—Smooth.

*Color.*—183A.

*Size.*—Average 3 cm. in diameter, 50 cm. in length.

*Internode length.*—1 mm.

*Strength.*—Strong.

Foliage:

*Leaf dimensions.*—Average 40 cm. in length and 7 cm.  
in width.

*Leaf shape.*—Lanceolate.

*Leaf division.*—Simple.

*Apex.*—Acute.

*Base.*—Attenuate.  
*Margins.*—Entire.  
*Color of mature leaves (upper and lower surfaces).*—  
200B with patches of 152B.  
*Color of young leaves (upper and lower surfaces).*—  
200B.  
*Upper and lower surfaces.*—Smooth.  
*Petiole color.*—200B.  
*Length.*—1 cm. in length.  
*Width.*—2 mm. in width.  
Flowers:  
*Inflorescence arrangement.*—Terminal panicles.  
*Inflorescence size.*—31 cm. in length and 22 cm. in  
width.

*Quantity of flowers.*—Approximately 800.  
*Bud shape.*—Ovate.  
*Bud color.*—198C.  
*Flower shape.*—Star shaped.  
*Flower size.*—3 cm. in diameter.  
*Number of petals.*—6.  
*Petal color.*—158D.  
Disease and pest resistance: Has not been observed.  
It is claimed:  
1. A new and distinct variety of *Cordyline* plant named  
‘Falcon’ as described and illustrated.

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