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(54) CALIBRACHOA PLANT NAMED 'DANO36'

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(57) ABSTRACT

A new and distinct *Calibrachoa* cultivar named 'DANOA36' is disclosed, characterized by having orange flowers with distinctive red veins, a compact, mounded and upright plant habit and continuous flowering, including under short day conditions. The new variety is a *Calibrachoa*, normally produced as an outdoor garden or container plant.

2 Drawing Sheets

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Latin name of the genus and species: *Calibrachoa sp.* Variety denomination: 'DANOA36'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The new *Calibrachoa* cultivar is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the inventor, Gabriel Danziger, in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel. The objective of the breeding program was to produce new *Calibrachoa* varieties for commercial applications. The seed parent is the unpatented, proprietary seedling variety referred to as *Calibrachoa* sp. 'CV-679.' The pollen parent is the unpatented, proprietary seedling variety referred to as *Calibrachoa* sp. 'Z-241.' The new variety was discovered in March 2006 by the inventor in a group of seedlings resulting from that crossing, in a commercial greenhouse in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar 'DANOA36' by vegetative cuttings was first performed at a commercial greenhouse in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel in April ²⁰ 2006 and has shown that the unique features of this cultivar are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The cultivar 'DANOA36' has not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment such as temperature, day length, and light intensity, without, ³⁰ however, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'DANOA36'. These characteristics in combination distinguish 'DANOA36' as a new and distinct *Calibrachoa* cultivar:

- 1. Unique flower color with an orange trumpet and distinctive red throat and veins.
- 2. Flowers under short day conditions.
- 3. Flowers occur on the top of plant, as well as the sides.
- 4. Mounding plant habit.

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Plants of the new cultivar 'DANOA36' are similar to plants of the parent, *Calibrachoa sp.* 'CV 679' in most horticultural characteristics, however, plants of the new cultivar 'DANOA36' are mounding, compared to 'CV 679' which produces trailing plants.

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Plants of the new cultivar 'DANOA36' are similar to plants of the commercial variety 'DANCALBRIL,' unpatented and undistributed in the United States, in most horticultural characteristics, however, plants of the new cultivar 'DANOA36' have bi-color flowers, compared to solid pink. Additionally the new variety also produces flowers on the top and side of the plant, where as 'DANCALBRIL,' does not flower on the top, only on the side.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying photograph in FIG. 1 illustrates in full color a typical plant of 'DANOA36' grown in a greenhouse, in a 16 cm. basket. Age of the plant photographed is 90 days from a rooted cutting.

FIG. 2 illustrates in full color a close up of a typical bloom of 'DANOA36.'

The photographs were taken using conventional techniques and although colors may appear different from actual colors due to light reflectance it is as accurate as possible by conventional photographic techniques.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The following observations and measurements describe 'DANOA36' plants grown in a greenhouse in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva, Israel. The growing temperature ranged from 18° C. to 24° C. The greenhouse is subject to partial shape. General light conditions are bright, normal sunlight, with

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some shade during the brightest part of the day. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plant types.

Botanical classification: Calibrachoa sp. cultivar 'DANOA36.'

PROPAGATION

Time to initiate roots: About 8 days at approximately 25° C. Time to develop roots: About 15 days at approximately 25° C. C.

Root description: Fine, fibrous.

Time to produce a rooted cutting: About 14 to 21 days at 25° C.

PLANT

Growth habit: Spreading annual. Pot size of plant described: 12 cm.

Age of plant described: Approximately 80 days from a rooted cutting.

Height:

To top of flowers.—Approximately 30 cm.

Plant spread: Approximately 70 cm.

Growth rate: Vigorous.

Branching characteristics: Very well-branched. Branches from base of plant.

Length of primary lateral branches: Approximately 50 cm. Diameter of lateral branches: Approximately 0.2 cm.

Quantity of primary lateral branches: About 60.

Characteristics of primary lateral branches:

Form.—Cylindrical.

Diameter.—Approximately 0.2 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Green 138B. Texture.—Smooth.

Internode length: Approximately 2 cm.

FOLIAGE

Leaf:

Arrangement.—Alternate.

Quantity.—Dozens per branch.

Average length.—Approximately 2 cm.

Average width.—Approximately 0.5 cm.

Shape of blade.—Oblong.

Apex.—Rounded.

Base.—Acute.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture of top surface.—Puberulous.

Aspect.—Slanted upward 45 to 90°.

Color.—Young foliage upper side: Near RHS Green 137B. Young foliage under side: Near RHS Green

138B. Mature foliage upper side: Near RHS Green

137B. Mature foliage under side: Near RHS Green 138B.

Venation.—Type: Pinnate. Venation color upper side: Near RHS Green 137B. Venation color under side: Near RHS Green 138B.

Petiole.—None: Sessile.

FLOWER

Natural flowering season: Freely flowering all year in Moshav Mishmar Hashiva Israel. Begins flowering approximately 55 days after planting a rooted cutting.

Inflorescence and flower type and habit: Salverform, single with fused petals.

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Rate of flower opening: Approximately 4 to 5 days from bud to fully opened flower.

Flower longevity on plant: Individual flowers last 4 to 5 days on the plant.

Quantity of flowers: Hundreds of flowers on each plant.

Flower size:

Diameter.—Approximately 2.5 cm.

Length.—Approximately 2.0 cm.

Flower tube diameter at distal end.—Approximately 1 cm.

Flower tube diameter at proximal end.— Approximately 0.2 cm.

Petals:

Length from throat.—About 1.3 cm.

Width.—About 1 cm.

Quantity.—5, fused.

Texture.—Glabrous.

Apex.—Obtuse.

Margin.—Entire.

Color:

When opening.—Upper surface: Near RHS Yellow-Orange with red halo. Lower surface: Near RHS Yellow-Orange with red veins.

Fully opened.—Upper surface: Near RHS Yellow-Orange 16C with red halo. Lower surface: Near RHS Yellow-Orange 14D with red veins. Flower throat (inside): Near RHS Orange-Red N34A halo; Yellow-Green 151A. Flower throat, vein: Near RHS Yellow-Green 151C. Flower tube (outside): Near RHS Yellow-Green 151A. Flower tube, vein: Near RHS Yellow-Green 152C. Petal color, fading to: Pure white, not on RHS.

Bud:

Shape.—Oblong.

Length.—Approximately 0.7 cm.

Diameter.—Approximately 0.2 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144B.

Calyx/Sepals:

Quantity per flower.—5, fused at base.

Shape.—Oblong.

Length.—Approximately 1.4 cm.

Width.—Approximately 0.7 cm.

Apex.—Obtuse.

Base.—Fused.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture.—Puberulose.

Color.—Upper Surface: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A. Lower Surface: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A.

Peduncle:

Length.—Approximately 2.5 cm.

Diameter.—Approximately 0.1 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 146B.

Orientation.—Slanted upward at an angle of about 45°. Fragrance: None.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Stamens:

Number.—5.

Filament length.—Approximately 0.6 cm.

Anthers:

Length.—Approximately 0.1 cm.

Color.—Near RHS Yellow 3A.

Pollen.—Color: Near RHS Yellow 3A. Quantity: Copious.

Pistil:

Number.—1.

Length.—Approximately 0.7 cm.

Style.—Length: Approximately 0.5 cm. Color: Near RHS Yellow-Green 154B.

Stigma.—Shape: Round. Color: Near RHS Gray-Green 197C. Ovary Color: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144B.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Seeds and fruits: Not observed and not commercially important.

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Disease/pest resistance: Neither resistance nor susceptibility to pathogens and pests common to *Calibrachoa* have been observed.

Temperature tolerance: The new variety tolerates temperatures between 8 to 35° C.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Calibrachoa* plant named 'DANOA36' as herein illustrated and described.

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Fig. 1



Fig. 2