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Varietal Denomination: **Song of La Tigra**(75) Inventor: **Eliseo Cambronero Quesada**, Los Cerritos (CR)(73) Assignees: **A. C. Alderden**, Mijdrecht (NL); **R. de Leeuw**, Mijdrecht (NL)

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See application file for complete search history.(56) **References Cited****OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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Primary Examiner—Annette H. Para*Assistant Examiner*—Susan B McCormick Ewoldt(74) *Attorney, Agent, or Firm*—Mark P. Bourgeois(57) **ABSTRACT**A new cultivar of *Dracaena* plant named 'Song of La Tigra' that is characterized by small dark green leaves, a compact habit and short internodes.**1 Drawing Sheet****1**Botanical classification: *Dracaena reflexa lam.*
Variety denomination: 'Song of La Tigra'.**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Dracaena* plant botanically known as *Dracaena reflexa lam.* and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'Song of La Tigra'.⁵The new cultivar was discovered in 2001 in an outdoor nursery in a cultivated area of Rio Quarto, Costa Rica. 'Song of La Tigra' was discovered as a naturally occurring branch mutation of an unnamed cultivar of *Dracaena reflexa lam.* (not patented).Asexual reproduction by terminal cuttings of the new cultivar 'Song of La Tigra' was first taken in 2001 in Rio Quarto, Costa Rica.¹⁵Since 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.²⁰**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**The following represent the distinguishing characteristics of the new *Dracaena* cultivar 'Song of La Tigra'. These traits in combination distinguish 'Song of La Tigra' as a new and distinct cultivar.²⁵

1. *Dracaena* 'Song of La Tigra' exhibits small dark green leaves.
2. *Dracaena* 'Song of La Tigra' exhibits a compact habit.
3. *Dracaena* 'Song of La Tigra' exhibits short internodes.

The closest comparison cultivar is the parent plant an unnamed cultivar of *Dracaena reflexa lam.* 'Song of La Tigra' is distinguishable from the parent plant by the following characteristics:³⁰

1. 'Song of La Tigra' has smaller leaves.
2. 'Song of La Tigra' has shorter internodes.

2'Song of La Tigra' is distinguishable from typical plants of the species *Dracaena reflexa lam.* by the following characteristics:

1. 'Song of La Tigra' has smaller leaves.
2. 'Song of La Tigra' has shorter internodes.
3. 'Song of La Tigra' has stronger stems.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGThe accompanying photograph illustrates the distinguishing traits of *Dracaena* 'Song of La Tigra'. The plant in the photograph shows an overall view of a 7 month old plant. The photograph was 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.¹⁰**BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT**The following is a detailed description of the new *Dracaena* cultivar named 'Song of La Tigra'. Data was collected in Boskoop, The Netherlands from plants grown in Honselersdijk, The Netherlands. The time of year was winter. The plants were 7 month old greenhouse grown plants in 15 cm diameter containers. The temperature ranged from 24 to 34° Centigrade. The light level was natural outdoor light and there were no photoperiodic treatments or growth retardants used. Color determinations are in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart 2001 edition, except where general color terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The growing requirements are similar to the species. 'Song of La Tigra' has not been tested under all possible conditions and phenotypic differences may be observed with variations in environmental, climatic, and cultural conditions, however, without any variance in genotype.²⁰Botanical classification: *Dracaena reflexa lam.* 'Song of La Tigra'.³⁰

Parentage: 'Song of La Tigra' was discovered as a naturally occurring branch mutation of an unnamed cultivar of <i>Dracaena reflexa lam.</i>			<i>Other characteristics.</i> —Leaf scars visible on older stems.
Annual or perennial: Perennial.			<i>Foliage:</i>
Use: Ornamental.	5		<i>Texture.</i> —Smooth, glossy, moderately leathery.
Vigor: Moderate.			<i>Leaf arrangement.</i> —Alternate, spirally.
Growth habit: Upright.			<i>Compound or single.</i> —Single.
Plant shape: Columnar.			<i>Quantity of leaves.</i> —Average 62.
Suitable container size: 15 cm. container.			<i>Leaf shape.</i> —Lorate.
Height: Average 62.6 cm. in height.	10		<i>Leaf apex.</i> —Apiculate.
Width: Average 28.5 cm. in width.			<i>Leaf base.</i> —Sheathing.
Heat tolerance: Tolerant to 35° Centigrade.			<i>Leaf length.</i> —Average 17.5 cm. in length.
Winter hardiness: USDA Zone 10.			<i>Leaf width.</i> —Average 2.6 cm. in width.
Growth rate: Approximately 4 cm. per month.			<i>Pubescence.</i> —Absent.
Propagation: Terminal cuttings.	15		<i>Leaf margin.</i> —Entire, sinuate.
Time to initiate roots in summer: Approximately 21 days to produce roots on an initial cutting at 25–35° Centigrade.			<i>Vein pattern.</i> —Parallel.
Time to initiate roots in winter: Approximately 23 days to produce roots on an initial cutting at 23–32° Centigrade.			<i>Young leaf color (upper surface).</i> —Between 141A and 143A, base 145A to 145B.
Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner in summer: Approximately 30 days at 25–35° Centigrade.	20		<i>Young leaf color (lower surface).</i> —Between 141A and 143A, base 145A to 145B.
Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner in winter: Approximately 35 days at 23–32°.			<i>Mature leaf color (upper surface).</i> —In between 139A and 147A, base 137A.
Crop time: Approximately 7 months to produce a finished plant from a rooted cutting.	25		<i>Mature leaf color (lower surface).</i> —In between 137A and 147B, base 138A to 138B.
Root system: Fine and fibrous.			<i>Vein color.</i> —As leaf blade.
Stem:			<i>Leaf attachment.</i> —Sessile.
<i>Basal branching.</i> —Present.			<i>Durability of foliage to stress.</i> —High.
<i>Pinching.</i> —Required.			Flower: Flowering has not been observed.
<i>Stem strength.</i> —Very strong.	30		Disease and pest resistance: 'Song of La Tigra' has not been observed for disease or pest resistance.
<i>Stem color.</i> —137A to 137B, older stem 199D.			What is claimed is:
<i>Stem pubescence.</i> —Absent.			1. A new and distinct variety of <i>Dracaena</i> plant named 'Song of La Tigra' as described and illustrated.
<i>Internode length.</i> —Average 1.0 cm.			* * * * *
<i>Stem shape.</i> —Rounded, dull.			
<i>Stem surface.</i> —Smooth.	35		

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