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(54) NEMESIA PLANT NAMED 'INNSUNMARA'

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(57) ABSTRACT

A new cultivar of *Nemesia* plant named 'Innsunmara' that is characterized by large red orange flowers and good cold temperature tolerance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical classification: *Nemesia hybrida*. Variety denomination: 'Innsunmara'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Nemesia* plant botanically known as *Nemesia hybrida* and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'Innsunmara'.

The new *Nemesia* is the product of a planned breeding program conducted by the inventors in Gensingen, Germany. The objective of the breeding program is to create new *Nemesia* cultivars with unique colors and a compact habit.

'Innsunmara' is a hybrid that originated from a crossing in the Summer of 2003 of the female or seed parent a proprietary *Nemesia strumosa* identified as Neb Orange III (not patented) and the male or pollen parent a proprietary *Nemesia* identified as White Dream Typ I (not patented). The resulting seeds were subsequently planted and grown. The cultivar 'Innsunmara' was selected by the inventor in the Spring of 2004 as a single plant within the progeny of the stated cross in Gensingen, Germany.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar 'Innsunmara' first occurred by terminal cuttings in July of 2004 in Gensingen, Germany. Since that time, under careful observation, the unique characteristics of the new cultivar have been uniform, 25 stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations of asexual reproduction.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The following represent the distinguishing characteristics of the new *Nemesia* cultivar 'Innsunmara'. These traits in combination distinguish 'Innsunmara' as a new and distinct cultivar apart from other existing known varieties of *Nemesia*.

- 1. *Nemesia* 'Innsunmara' exhibits good cold temperature 35 tolerance.
- 2. Nemesia 'Innsunmara' exhibits red orange flowers.
- 3. Nemesia 'Innsunmara' exhibits large flowers.

The closest comparison cultivar is *Nemesia* 'Kumquat' (not patented). 'Innsunmara' is distinguishable from 'Innsun-40 cran' by the following characteristics:

1. 'Innsunmara' has red orange flowers. The flowers of 'Kumquat' are yellow orange.

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- 2. 'Innsunmara' exhibits larger flowers than 'Kumquat'.
- 3. 'Innsunmara' has better cold temperature tolerance than 'Kumquat'.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying photograph illustrates the distinguishing traits of *Nemesia* 'Innsunmara'.

The plant in the photograph shows an overall view of an 8 week 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.

BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PLANT

The following is a detailed description of the new *Nemesia* cultivar named 'Innsunmara'. Data was collected in Gensingen, Germany from 10 week old glass greenhouse grown plants in 12 cm. diameter containers. The time of year was autumn and the temperature range was 12–15 degrees Centigrade during the day and 8–10 degrees Centigrade at night. The light level was natural light. No photoperiodic treatments or growth retards were used. Color determinations are in accordance with The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart 2007 edition, except where general color terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The growing requirements are similar to the species. 'Innsunmara' 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.

Botanical classification: Nemesia hybrida 'Innsunmara'.

5 Annual or perennial: Annual.

Parentage: 'Innsunmara' is the product of the female or seed parent a *Nemesia strumosa* identified as Neb Orange III and the male or pollen parent a *Nemesia* identified as White Dream Typ I.

⁺⁰ Vigor: Strong.

Growth habit: Prostrate, bushy.

Plant shape: Spreading, bushy.

Suitable container size: 12 cm. pots.		Flower bud length.—2 to 3 mm.
Height: 20 cm. in height.		Flower bud diameter.—1 to 2 cm. in diameter.
Width: 18 cm. in width.		Flower bud shape.—Saccate.
Low temperature tolerance: 0° Centigrade.		Bud color.—N34A.
High temperature tolerance: 35° Centigrade.	5	Rate of bud opening.—4 to 6 days.
Propagation: Leaf cuttings.		Flower aspect.—Outward.
Time to initiate roots in summer: 10 to 12 days to initiate roots		Flower shape.—Zygomorphic.
at 16 to 18° Centigrade.		Flower dimensions.—20 to 25 mm. in diameter and 10
Time to initiate roots in winter: 16 days to initiate roots at 16°		mm. in height.
Centigrade.	10	Flower longevity.—5–6 days. Number of petals.—5.
Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner in summer: 10 to 12		Fused or unfused.—Fused.
days at 16 to 18° Centigrade.		Petal arrangement.—Upper 3 petals fused, lower 2 pet-
Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner in winter: 18 to 20		als fused with protruding lip.
days at 16° Centigrade.		Petal shape.—Cordate.
Crop time: Approximately 6 to 8 weeks.	15	Petal margin.—Indented.
Root system: Fine and fibrous, 20 to 30 cm. in diameter.		Petal apex.—Cuneate.
Stem:		Petal base.—Attenuate.
Branching habit.—Lateral branches grow from every		Petal length.—15 mm.
non-flowering axil.		Petal width.—10 mm.
Basal branching.—Yes.	20	Petal color when opening (upper side).—Upper petals
Average number of lateral branches.—5.		32A, lower petals 25C.
Pinching.—Yes.		Petal color when opening (under side).—Upper petals
Lateral branch diameter.—4 mm. in diameter.		N34B, lower petals N34B.
Lateral branch length.—12 to 25 cm. in length.		Petal color fully opened (upper side).—Upper petals
Internode length.—15 to 25 mm.	25	32A, lower petals 25C.
Stem shape.—Square with ridges at the corners.		Petal color fully opened (under side).—Upper petals
Stem strength.—Moderate.		N34C, lower petals N34C.
Stem color.—138B.		Petal lip color (lower petals).—20B.
Pubescence.—Absent.		Petal color fading to.—Upper petals 32B, lower petals
Foliage:	30	25D.
Leaf arrangement.—Opposite, petiolate.		Self-cleaning or persistent.—Self-cleaning.
Compound or single.—Single.		Sepals:
Number of leaves per lateral branch.—4 to 10.		Sepal appearance.—Ligulate, pubescent.
Leaf shape.—Lanceolate.	2.5	Sepal arrangement.—Curved.
Leaf apex.—Acuminate.	35	Number of sepals.—Average 5.
Leaf base.—Attenuate.		Sepal shape.—Ligulate.
Leaf length.—5 to 8 cm. in length.		Sepal margin.—Pubescent.
Leaf width.—2 to 3 cm. in width.		Sepal apex.—Attenuate.
Texture.—Glabrous (upper and lower surfaces).	40	Sepal base.—Fused.
Pubescence.—None.	40	Sepal dimensions.—7 to 8 mm. in length and 1 to 2 mm.
Leaf margin.—Dentate. Venation pattern.—Simple.		in width.
Young leaf color (upper surface).—N137B.		Young sepal color (upper side).—137A.
Young leaf color (upper surface).—1318B.		Young sepal color (under side).—137B.
Mature leaf color (upper surface).—N137A.	15	Mature sepal color (upper side).—137A.
Mature leaf color (apper surface).—N137A. Mature leaf color (lower surface).—138B.	45	Mature sepal color (under side).—137B.
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Vein color (upper surface).—144B.		Calyx shape.—Stellar, fused at base. Calyx dimensions.—7 mm. in diameter.
Leaf attachment.—Petiolate.		Pedicels:
Petiole dimensions.—15 to 20 mm. in length, and 4 to 5	50	
mm. in diameter.		Pedicel diameter.—1 mm.
Petiole color.—144B.		Pedicel angle.—30 degrees from stem.
		Pedicel strength.—Weak.
Durability of foliage to stress.—Moderate.		Pedicel color.—137B.
Flower:	55	
Inflorescence arrangement.—Solitary/opposite in leaf		
axils.		Stamen number.—5, 3 visible.
Quantity of flowers per inflorescence.—1.		Anther shape.—Oval.
Flower type.—Zygomorphic.		Anther size.—0.5 mm.
Quantity of flowers per lateral stem.—2 per leaf pair.	60	Anther color.—10C.
Quantity of flower buds per lateral stem.—2 per leaf pair.	-	Amount of pollen.—Moderate.
Quantity of flowers and buds per plant.—Average 150.		Pollen color.—10C.
Natural flowering season.—April to October.		Pistil number.—1.
Time to flower.—5 weeks.		Pistil length.—0.5 mm.
Rate of flower opening.—Every 4 to 6 days.	65	Stigma shape.—Dentate.
Fragrance.—None.		Stigma color.—155D.

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Style length.—1 mm.
Style color.—155D.
Ovary color.—155D.
Fruit: None, sterile triploid.

Disease and pest resistance: Disease and pest resistance has 5 not been observed.

The invention claimed is:

1. A new and distinct variety of Nemesia plant named 'Innsunmara' as described and illustrated.

