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NEMESIA PLANT NAMED 'INNSUNCARA'

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ABSTRACT (57)

A new cultivar of *Nemesia* plant named 'Innsuncara' that is characterized by large gold yellow flowers, good cold temperature tolerance and an upright habit.

1 Drawing Sheet

Botanical classification: Nemesia hybrida. Variety denomination: 'Innsuncara'.

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 'Innsuncara'.

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.

'Innsuncara' 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 Gelb II (not patented) and the male or pollen parent a proprietary *Nemesia* identified 15 as White Dream I tet 5 (not patented). The resulting seeds were subsequently planted and grown. The cultivar 'Innsuncara' 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 'Innsuncara' 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, stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations 25 of asexual reproduction.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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

- 1. Nemesia 'Innsuncara' exhibits good cold temperature tolerance.
- 2. Nemesia 'Innsuncara' exhibits large gold yellow flowers. 35
- 3. Nemesia 'Innsuncara' exhibits an upright habit.

The closest comparison cultivars are Nemesia 'Lemon' (not patented) and *Nemesia* 'Banana'.

'Innsuncara' is distinguishable from 'Lemon' by the following characteristics:

- 1. 'Innsuncara' has gold yellow flowers. The flowers of 'Lemon' are yellow.
- 2. 'Innsuncara' exhibits larger flowers than 'Lemon'.

- 3. 'Innsuncara' exhibits fewer flowers than 'Lemon'.
- 4. 'Innsuncara' exhibits an upright habit. 'Lemon' has a trailing habit.

'Innsuncara' is distinguishable from 'Banana' by the following characteristics:

- 1. 'Innsuncara' has flowers with a single color. The flowers of 'Banana' have two colors.
- 2. 'Innsuncara' exhibits larger flowers than 'Banana'.
- 3. 'Innsuncara' exhibits better cold temperature tolerance than 'Banana'.
- 4. 'Innsuncara' exhibits an upright habit. 'Banana' has a trailing habit.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

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

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Quantity of flowers per lateral stem.—2 per leaf pair. Botanical classification: *Nemesia hybrida* 'Innsuncara'. Annual or perennial: Annual. Quantity of flower buds per lateral stem.—2 per leaf pair. Parentage: 'Innsuncara' is the product of the female or seed Quantity of flowers and buds per plant.—Average 150. parent a Nemesia strumosa identified as Neb Gelb II and *Natural flowering season.*—April to October. the male or pollen parent a Nemesia identified as White 5 *Time to flower.*—5 weeks. Dream I tet 5. Rate of flower opening.—Every 4 to 6 days. Vigor: Very strong. Fragrance.—None. Growth habit: Upright, bushy. Flower bud length.—3 to 5 mm. Plant shape: Upright, rounded. Flower bud diameter.—2 to 3 mm. in diameter. Suitable container size: 12 cm. pots. Flower bud shape.—Saccate. 10 Height: 20 cm. in height. Bud color.—4C. Width: 15 cm. in width. Rate of bud opening.—4 to 6 days. Low temperature tolerance: 0° Centigrade. *Flower aspect.*—Outward. High temperature tolerance: 35° Centigrade. Flower shape.—Zygomorphic. Propagation: Leaf cuttings. Flower dimensions.—30 to 35 mm. in diameter and 15 Time to initiate roots in summer: 10 to 12 days to initiate roots 15 mm. in height. at 16 to 18° Centigrade. *Flower longevity.*—5–6 days. Time to initiate roots in winter: 16 days to initiate roots at 16° *Number of petals.*—5. Centigrade. *Fused or unfused.*—Fused. Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner in summer: 10 to 12 Petal arrangement.—Upper 3 petals fused, lower 2 petdays at 16 to 18° Centigrade. Time to produce a rooted cutting or liner in winter: 18 to 20 als fused. days at 16° Centigrade. *Petal shape.*—Cordate. Crop time: Approximately 6 to 8 weeks. *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.—20 mm. non-flowering axil. Petal width.—20 mm. Basal branching.—Yes. Petal color when opening (upper side).—12B, upper Average number of lateral branches.—5. petals have a base with separate areas of N155 and Pinching.—Yes. N79B. 30 Lateral branch diameter.—7 mm. in diameter. Petal color when opening (under side).—12D. Lateral branch length.—8 to 12 cm. in length. Petal color fully opened (upper side).—12A, upper pet-*Internode length.*—15 to 22 mm. als have a base with separate areas of N155A and Stem shape.—Square with ridges at the corners. N79B. Stem strength.—Very strong. Petal color fully opened (under side).—12C. 35 Stem color.—138C. Petal color fading to.—12B. *Pubescence*.—Absent. Self-cleaning or persistent.—Self-cleaning. Foliage: Sepals: Leaf arrangement.—Opposite, petiolate. Sepal appearance.—Ligulate, pubescent. Compound or single.—Single. *Number of leaves per lateral branch.*—4 to 8. Sepal arrangement.—Curved. *Number of sepals.*—Average 5. Leaf shape.—Lanceolate. Sepal shape.—Ligulate. Leaf apex.—Acuminate. Sepal margin.—Pubescent. *Leaf base.*—Attenuate. *Leaf length.*—8 to 12 cm. in length. Sepal apex.—Attenuate. *Leaf width.*—4 to 7 cm. in width. Sepal base.—Fused. *Texture.*—Glabrous (upper and lower surface). Sepal dimensions.—9 to 11 mm. in length and 2 to 3 mm. Pubescence.—None. in width. Young sepal color (upper side).—N137C. *Leaf margin.*—Dentate. Young sepal color (under side).—N137D. Venation pattern.—Simple. Mature sepal color (upper side).—N137C. Young leaf color (upper surface).—N137D. 50 Mature sepal color (under side).—N137C. Young leaf color (lower surface).—138C. Mature leaf color (upper surface).—N137C. Calyx: Calyx shape.—Stellar, fused at base. Mature leaf color (lower surface).—138C. Calyx dimensions.—9 mm. in diameter. Vein color (upper surface).—144C. 55 Pedicels: Vein color (under surface).—144D. *Pedicel length.*—30 to 32 mm. *Leaf attachment.*—Petiolate. Pedicel diameter.—2 mm. Petiole dimensions.—25 to 30 mm. in length, and 5 to 7 *Pedicel angle.*—30 degrees from stem. mm. in diameter. *Pedicel strength.*—Strong. Petiole color.—144D. 60 Pedicel color.—N137D. Durability of foliage to stress.—Good. Reproduction organs: Flower: Inflorescence arrangement.—Solitary/opposite in leaf Stamen number.—5, 3 visible. *Anther shape.*—Oval. axils.

Quantity of flowers per inflorescence.—1.

Flower type.—Zygomorphic.

Anther size.—1.0 mm.

Anther color.—12D.

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Amount of pollen.—Moderate. Pollen color.—12D. Pistil number.—1.

Pistil length.—1.0 mm.

Stigma shape.—Dentate.

Stigma color.—155C.

Style length.—2 mm. Style color.—155C.

Ovary color.—155C.

Fruit: None, sterile triploid.

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

5 It is claimed:

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

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