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(54) **MANDEVILLA PLANT NAMED**
'LANMONTANA'

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Varietal Denomination: **Lanmontana**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Mandevilla* plant named 'Lanmontana', characterized by its compact and bushy plant habit; moderately vigorous growth habit; glossy dark green-colored leaves; early flowering habit; and red purple-colored flowers.

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Botanical designation: *Mandevilla sanderi*.
Cultivar denomination: 'LANMONTANA'

CROSS-REFERENCED TO CLOSELY RELATED APPLICATIONS

Title: *Mandevilla* Plant Named 'Laniowa'
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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Mandevilla* plant, botanically known as *Mandevilla sanderi* and hereinafter referred to by the name 'Lanmontana'.

The new *Mandevilla* plant is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Malause, France. The objective of the breeding program is to create new compact *Mandevilla* plants with red purple-colored flowers.

The new *Mandevilla* plant originated from a cross-pollination conducted by the Inventor in Malause, France on Sep. 22, 2006 of *Mandevilla sanderi* 'Sunparapibra', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 19,649, as the female, or seed parent with *Mandevilla sanderi* 'Rosea Foncé', not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new *Mandevilla* plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor as a single flowering plant from within the progeny of the stated cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environment in Malause, France in May, 2008.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Mandevilla* plant by cuttings in a controlled greenhouse environment in Malause, France, since May, 2010 has shown that the unique features of this new *Mandevilla* plant are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new *Mandevilla* have not been observed under all possible environmental conditions and cultural practices.

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The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environmental conditions such as temperature and light intensity without, however, any variance in genotype.

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

1. Compact and bushy plant habit.
2. Moderately vigorous growth habit.
3. Glossy small dark green-colored leaves.
4. Early flowering habit.
5. Red purple-colored flowers.

Plants of the new *Mandevilla* can be compared to plants of the female parent, 'Sunparapibra'. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* differ primarily from plants of 'Sunparapibra' in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* are more compact and have shorter internodes than plants of 'Sunparapibra'.
2. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* have smaller leaves than plants of 'Sunparapibra'.
3. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* flower earlier than plants of 'Sunparapibra'.

Plants of the new *Mandevilla* can be compared to plants of the male parent, 'Rosea Foncé'. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* differ primarily from plants of 'Rosea Foncé' in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* are more compact than plants of 'Rosea Foncé'.
2. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* are more freely branching and bushier than plants of 'Rosea Foncé'.
3. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* have smaller leaves than plants of 'Rosea Foncé'.
4. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* flower earlier than plants of 'Rosea Foncé'.

5. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* and 'Rosea Foncé' differ in flower color as plants of 'Rosea Foncé' have pink-colored flowers.

Plants of the new *Mandevilla* can be compared to plants of *Mandevilla sanderi* 'Laniowa', disclosed in a U.S. Plant patent application Ser. No. 13/374,921. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* differ primarily from plants of 'Laniowa' in flower color as plants of 'Laniowa' have scarlet red-colored flowers. In addition, plants of 'Laniowa' are more freely flowering than plants of the new *Mandevilla*.

Plants of the new *Mandevilla* can also be compared to plants of selections of *Mandevilla sanderi* known to the Inventor, not patented. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Malause, France, plants of the new *Mandevilla* differed from plants of selections of *Mandevilla sanderi* known to the Inventor in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* were more freely branching than plants of selections of *Mandevilla sanderi* known to the Inventor.
2. Plants of the new *Mandevilla* had smaller leaves than plants of selections of *Mandevilla sanderi* known to the Inventor.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the overall appearance of the new *Mandevilla* plant showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the actual colors of the new *Mandevilla* plant.

The photograph on the first sheet comprises a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Lanmontana' grown in a container.

The photograph on the second sheet is a close-up view of a typical flowering plant of 'Lanmontana'.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photographs and following observations, measurements and values describe plants grown during the autumn in 13-cm containers in polyethylene-covered greenhouse in Malause, France and under cultural practices typical of *Mandevilla* commercial production. During the production of the plants, day temperatures ranged from 8° C. to 26° C. and night temperatures ranged from 3° C. to 15° C. Plants were six months old when the photographs and description were taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 2007 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Mandevilla sanderi* 'Lanmontana'.
Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—*Mandevilla sanderi* 'Sun-parapibra', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 19,649.

Male, or pollen, parent.—*Mandevilla sanderi* 'Rosea Foncé', not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—By vegetative cuttings.

Time to initiate roots, summer.—About two weeks at 23° C. to 25° C.

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About three weeks at 23° C. to 25° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.—About five to six weeks at 23° C. to 25° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.—About six to eight weeks at 23° C. to 25° C.

Root description.—Fibrous, fine; light yellowish white in color.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; medium density.

Plant description:

Plant and growth habit.—Compact and bushy plant habit; upright and somewhat outwardly spreading; flattened globular in shape; moderately vigorous growth habit.

Plant height.—About 21.4 cm.

Plant diameter (spread).—About 23.8 cm.

Lateral branch description.—Branching habit: Freely branching habit with about six lateral branches developing per plant; pinching enhances lateral branch development. Length: About 9.6 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Internode length: About 1.7 cm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 143B to 143C; older stems, close to N199A.

Foliage description:

Arrangement.—Opposite, simple.

Length.—About 4.9 cm.

Width.—About 3.1 cm.

Shape.—Obovate.

Apex.—Abruptly acute to apiculate.

Base.—Obtuse.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture, upper and lower surfaces.—Smooth, glabrous; glossy.

Venation pattern.—Pinnate, reticulate.

Color.—Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to 147A; towards the base, close to 143A. Developing leaves, lower surface: Close to 146B tinged with close to N199A. Full expanded leaves, upper surface: Darker than between 139A and 147A; venation, close to 143A. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Between 138A and 138B; venation, close to 145B.

Petiole length.—About 1 cm.

Petiole diameter.—About 1.5 mm.

Petiole texture, upper and lower surfaces.—Smooth, glabrous.

Petiole color, upper and lower surfaces.—Close to 144B.

Flower description:

Flower type and flowering habit.—Single salverform flowers arranged in axillary racemes; flowers star-shaped and face upright and outwardly; about three flowers developing per inflorescence and about 27 flowers developing per plant.

Natural flowering season.—Early flowering habit with plants begin to flower about six weeks after planting; plants flower continuously from summer into the autumn in France.

Flower longevity on the plant.—About seven days; flowers not persistent.

Fragrance.—Not detected.

Flowers.—Appearance: Flared trumpet, corolla fused and five-parted. Diameter: About 8.2 cm. Depth (length): About 7.8 cm. Tube length: About 5.4 cm.

Flower buds.—Length: About 4.3 cm. Diameter: About 8 mm. Shape: Oblanceolate. Color: Close to 145B; towards the base, close to 144B.

Corolla.—Quantity and arrangement: Five petals arranged in a single whorl and fused at the base. Petal lobe length: About 3.7 cm. Petal lobe width: About 2.7

cm. Petal shape and appearance: Roughly spatulate; lower 60% of the petal is fused. Petal apex: Bluntly acute. Petal margin: Entire. Petal texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; velvety. Throat texture: Smooth, glabrous. Tube texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Petal, when opening, upper surface: Close to 58B, towards the apex and base, close to 53A to 53B; throat, close to 26A, towards the base of the throat, close to 145B. Petal, when opening, lower surface: Close to 60A; tube, close to 61C, towards the base of the tube, close to 145C to 145D. Petal, fully opened, upper surface: Close to 58B, towards the apex and base, close to 53B; throat, close to 32B, towards the base of the throat, close to 145B flushed with close to 35B. Petal, fully opened, lower surface: Close to 60B; tube, close to 61C, towards the base of the tube, close to 145C to 145D.

Sepals.—Quantity and arrangement: Five sepals arranged in a single whorl. Sepal length: About 9 mm. Sepal width: About 2 mm. Sepal shape: Lanceolate. Sepal apex: Narrowly acuminate. Sepal base: Roughly truncate. Sepal margin: Entire. Sepal texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Sepal color: Immature, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 145C; towards the base, close to 144C. Mature, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 145C; towards the base, close to 144C.

Peduncles.—Length: About 4.5 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Strength: Flexible, but strong. Color: Close to 143B.

Pedicels.—Length: About 1.9 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Strength: Flexible, but strong. Color: Close to 144B.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity and arrangement: Typically five; basifixed; anthers connivent. Filament length: About 1 mm. Anther shape: Ellipsoidal. Anther length: About 9 mm. Anther color: Close to 162D. Pollen amount: None observed. Pistils: Quantity: Typically one. Pistil length: About 2.1 cm. Style length: About 1.9 cm. Style color: Close to 145D. Stigma shape: Conical. Stigma color: Close to 144A. Ovary color: Close to 144C.

Seeds and fruits.—Seed and fruit production have not been observed on plants of the new *Mandevilla*.

Disease & pest resistance: Plants of the new *Mandevilla* have not been noted to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Mandevilla* plants.

Temperature tolerance: Plants of the new *Mandevilla* have been observed to tolerate high temperatures of about 40° C. and to be hardy to USDA Hardiness Zone 9.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Mandevilla* plant named ‘Lanmontana’ as illustrated and described.

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