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(54) **OSTEOSPERMUM PLANT NAMED**
'SAKOST8194'

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Varietal Denomination: **SAKOST8194**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Osteospermum* plant particularly distinguished by
having yellow flowers with dark greyed-purple disc florets
and a compact and mounding plant habit.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Genus and species: *Osteospermum hybrida*.
Variety denomination: 'SAKOST8194'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety
of *Osteospermum*, botanically known as *Osteospermum*
hybrida, and hereinafter referred to by the variety name
'SAKOST8194'. 'SAKOST8194' originated from a hybrid-
ization of the *Osteospermum* proprietary breeding line
'205057' (unpatented) and the *Osteospermum* proprietary
breeding line '205056' (unpatented) in Marslev, Denmark.
The female parent, '205057' has a yellow flower color with an
apricot center, and a compact and mounded plant habit. The
male parent, '205057', has a yellow-orange flower color with
a dark brown center and semi-erect plant habit.

In May 2006, the two *Osteospermum* lines '205057' and
'205056' were crossed and seeds were obtained. The seeds
were sown and approximately 100 plants were grown in pots
for evaluation. Out of 100 F₁ lines, plant number 37 was
selected which had a yellow flower color, dark disc florets,
and compact and mounding plant habit.

In February 2007, plant number 37 was vegetatively propa-
gated by cuttings and re-evaluated in an open field and a
greenhouse. Plant number 37 was given the breeder code
number '207307' and the stability of the distinct characteris-
tics of this variety was confirmed.

In June 2007, plants from '207307' were evaluated again in
pots and in an open field. '207307' was renamed
'SAKOST8194' and was found to reproduce true to type in
successive generations of asexual propagation via vegetative
cuttings.

SUMMARY

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing
characteristics of this new variety when grown under normal
horticultural practices in Salinas, Calif.

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1. Yellow flower color with dark greyed-purple disc florets;
and
2. A compact and mounding plant habit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This new *Osteospermum* plant is illustrated by the accom-
panying photographs which show the plant's overall plant
habit including form, foliage, and flowers. The photographs
are of a plant grown four months from transplant (five months
from sticking) into 4-inch pots from rooted cuttings in Sali-
nas, Calif. under greenhouse conditions in the spring of 2011.
The colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by
conventional photographic procedures.

FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit of the plant grown in a
pot.

FIG. 2 shows a close-up of the mature inflorescence of the
plant.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive
characteristics of 'SAKOST8194'. The data which define
these characteristics were collected from asexual reproduc-
tions via vegetative cuttings carried out in Salinas, Calif. Data
was collected on plants grown approximately four months
from transplant (five months from sticking) into 4-inch pots
under greenhouse conditions in Salinas, Calif. in the winter of
2011. Color references are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The
Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.), 4th edition.
Classification:

Family.—Compositae.

Botanical.—*Osteospermum hybrida*.

Common.—*Osteospermum*, Cape Daisy, South African
Daisy.

Designation.—'SAKOST8194'.

Parentage:

Female parent.—The proprietary *Osteospermum* line
'205057' (unpatented).

Male parent.—The proprietary *Osteospermum* line '205056' (unpatented).

Growth:

Time to produce a rooted cutting.—Cuttings will colonize a 2.5 cm diameter by 2.5 cm tall greenhouse tray cell with peat-based plant media in approximately four weeks. Cuttings are dipped in a normal dilution (1:9) of DIP 'N GROW, a liquid rooting concentrate root inducing solution in water. The trays are misted hourly during rooting.

Environmental conditions for plant growth.—Rooted cuttings are transplanted to pots with a 16 cm diameter, one plant per pot. Peat-based growing media is used. The pots are watered using a 150 ppm to 200 ppm fertilizer solution using 18-8-18 fertilizer. The soil is allowed to dry between watering. During the first few weeks after transplanting, the plants should have evening temperatures around 15° C. to 18° C. for good root growth. When plants reach 7.5 cm to 10 cm in height they are pinched back to 5 to 6 leaves to promote branching. Spring and summer daytime high temperatures in Salinas, Calif. where the data was collected, range from 16° C. to 25° C.

Time to bloom from propagation.—Approximately four weeks when rooted vegetative cuttings are transferred to a 4 inch diameter pot. Flowering season is all year in the United States when grown in a greenhouse, when grown outdoors, it is spring to fall. Vernalization is not required to induce flowering.

Plant description:

Habit.—Compact and mounding.

Life cycle.—Annual.

Form.—Compact and mounding.

Height (from soil line to first node).—0.5 cm.

Height (from soil line to top of foliage).—36.0 cm to 38.0 cm.

Width.—58.0 cm to 60.0 cm.

Stems:

General.—Multiple; circular in cross-section.

Stem length (total).—14.0 cm to 15.0 cm.

Diameter.—0.2 cm.

Internode length.—4.0 cm.

Color.—RHS 144A (Yellow-green) with RHS 187A (Greyed-purple) anthocyanin.

Pubescence.—Moderate. Color: RHS N155A (White). Shape: Short, hair-like, fibers.

Anthocyanin color.—Slight, RHS 187A (Greyed-purple).

Branches:

General.—Circular in cross-section.

Number of main branches.—1.

Total number of branches.—8.

Length.—11.0 cm to 12.0 cm; approximately 1.0 cm from soil line to first node, 2.0 cm between first and second nodes.

Diameter.—0.3 cm.

Internode length.—2.0 cm.

Color.—RHS 144A (Yellow-green) with RHS 187A (Greyed-purple) anthocyanin.

Pubescence.—Very slight.

Pubescence shape.—Short, hair-like fibers.

Pubescence color.—RHS N155A (White).

Anthocyanin color.—RHS 187A (Greyed-purple).

Leaves:

Arrangement.—Alternate.

Shape.—Oblanceolate.

Apex.—Acute.

Base.—Attenuate.

Margin.—Serrate.

Venation.—Pinnate.

Surface (both surfaces).—Dull.

Surface pubescence (both surfaces).—Slight, mainly around edge.

Surface pubescence color.—RHS N155A (White).

Attachment.—Decurrent.

Length.—5.5 cm.

Width.—1.5 cm.

Thickness.—Less than 0.1 cm.

Color.—Upper surface: RHS 143A (Green). Lower surface: RHS 143B (Green).

Venation color.—Upper surface: RHS 144B (Yellow-green). Lower surface: RHS 144C (Yellow-green).

Inflorescence:

Number per plant.—24.

Type.—Capitulum (head); disc florets are perfect and ray florets are carpellate.

Flowering habit.—Determinate.

Lastingness of inflorescence on the plant.—3 to 4 days.

Fragrance.—Absent.

Seed production.—None observed.

Diameter.—7.0 cm to 8.0 cm.

Depth.—2.0 cm.

Ray floret number.—18 to 24 per inflorescence.

Disc diameter.—1.2 cm.

Disc floret number.—60 to 80 per inflorescence.

Peduncle length.—5.0 cm from inflorescence to first node.

Peduncle diameter.—0.2 cm.

Peduncle color.—RHS 144A (Yellow-green) with RHS 187A (Greyed-purple) anthocyanin.

Peduncle texture.—Dull, slight pubescence.

Phyllaries.—Arrangement: 21 per inflorescence, free, arranged symmetrically. Length: 1.2 cm. Width: 0.7 cm. Apex: Acute. Margin: Entire. Shape: Linear; acute. Color (for both upper and lower surfaces): RHS 143A (Green).

Ray florets (ligules):

Corolla.—One ray per ray floret; only the outer row of florets are the ray florets.

Number of ray florets.—18 to 24 per inflorescence.

Length.—3.2 cm.

Width.—0.7 cm.

Shape.—Lanceolate.

Apex.—Acute.

Margin.—Entire.

Base.—Fused.

Color.—Upper surface: RHS 6A (Yellow). Lower surface: RHS 6A (Yellow) with RHS N186C (Greyed-purple) stripes or streaks.

Pubescence.—Glabrous.

Disc florets:

Color.—Darker than RHS N187A (Greyed-purple).

Shape.—Tubular.

Apex.—Pointed.

Texture.—Dull, pubescent.

Size.—Length: 0.6 cm. Width: 0.1 cm.

Reproductive organs:

Ovary.—Superior.

Pistil form.—One style with two stigma branches.

Pistil length.—0.5 cm.

Stigma color.—RHS 187A (Greyed-purple).

Style color.—RHS 155A (White).
Stamens.—5, fused into a single tube.
Anther color.—RHS 187A (Greyed-purple).
Pollen color.—RHS 17A (Yellow-orange).
Filament color.—RHS 155A (White).

Disease and insect resistance: No known resistance or susceptibility.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINES AND KNOWN VARIETY

‘SAKOST8194’ is a distinct variety of *Osteospermum* having yellow colored flowers with dark disc florets, and a compact and mounding plant habit. ‘SAKOST8194’ is distinguished from its parents as described in Table 1 (color references are to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 4th edition).

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Lines			
Characteristic	‘SAKOST8194’	Male Parent ‘205056’	Female Parent ‘205057’
Ray floret (ligule) color, upper surface	RHS 6A (Yellow)	Yellow-orange	Yellow
Plant growth habit	Compact and mounding	Semi-erect	Compact and mounding
Flower center color	Darker than RHS N187A (Greyed-purple)	Dark brown	Apricot

‘SAKOST8194’ is a distinct variety of *Osteospermum* having yellow colored flowers with dark disc florets, and a compact and mounding plant habit. ‘SAKOST8194’ is most similar to the *Osteospermum* plant named ‘Saksisgolye’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 19,602). Differences between the two varieties are described in Table 2 (color references are to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 4th edition).

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘SAKOST8194’	‘Saksisgolye’
Ray floret (ligule) color, upper surface:	RHS 6A (Yellow)	RHS 12C (Yellow) with slight streaking of RHS 187C (Greyed-purple) and RHS 187C (Greyed-purple) at the tip
Ray floret (ligule) color, lower surface:	RHS 6A (Yellow) with RHS N186C (Greyed-Purple) stripes or streaks	RHS 187C (Greyed-Purple) with RHS 12B (Yellow) streaks and RHS 187A (Greyed-Purple) at the tip
Plant habit	Compact and mounded	Very compact and branching

I claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Osteospermum* plant as shown and described herein.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2