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(54) **CALIBRACHOA PLANT NAMED**  
**'BALCABRITE'**

(50) Latin Name: *Calibrachoa*×*hybrida*  
Varietal Denomination: **Balcabrite**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Calibrachoa* plant named 'Bal-  
cabrite', characterized by its dark red-colored flowers,  
medium green-colored foliage, and moderately vigorous,  
trailing growth habit, is disclosed.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Latin name of genus and species of plant claimed: *Cali-  
brachoa*×*hybrida*.

Variety denomination: 'Balcabrite'.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar  
of *Calibrachoa* plant botanically known as *Calibrachoa*×  
*hybrida* and hereinafter referred to by the cultivar name 'Bal-  
cabrite'.

The new cultivar originated in a controlled breeding pro-  
gram in Elburn, Ill. during August 2008. The objective of the  
breeding program was the development of *Calibrachoa* cul-  
tivars with attractive flower coloration, medium green-col-  
ored foliage, and a moderately vigorous, trailing growth  
habit.

The new *Calibrachoa* cultivar is the result of cross-pollina-  
tion. The female (seed) parent of the new cultivar is the  
proprietary *Calibrachoa*×*hybrida* breeding selection coded  
2333-4, not patented, characterized by its dark cherry-rose  
colored flowers, medium green-colored foliage, and moder-  
ately vigorous, mounded-trailing growth habit. The male  
(pollen) parent of the new cultivar is the proprietary *Calibra-  
choa*×*hybrida* breeding selection coded 2376-4A, not pat-  
ented, characterized by its scarlet-colored flowers, medium  
green-colored foliage, and vigorous, semi-upright growth  
habit. The new cultivar was discovered and selected as a  
single flowering plant within the progeny of the above stated  
cross-pollination during May 2009 in a controlled environ-  
ment in Elburn, Ill.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar by terminal stem  
cuttings since May 2009 in West Chicago, Ill. has demon-  
strated that the new cultivar reproduces true to type with all of  
the characteristics, as herein described, firmly fixed and  
retained through successive generations of such asexual  
propagation.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The following characteristics of the new cultivar have been  
repeatedly observed and can be used to distinguish 'Balca-  
brite' as a new and distinct cultivar of *Calibrachoa* plant:

1. Dark red-colored flowers;
2. Medium green-colored foliage; and
3. Moderately vigorous, trailing growth habit.

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Plants of the new cultivar differ from plants of the female  
parent primarily in flower color and from plants of the male  
parent primarily in flower color and growth habit.

Of the many commercially available *Calibrachoa* culti-  
vars, the most similar in comparison to the new cultivar is  
CABARET 'Balcabscar', U.S. Plant Pat. No. 17,374. How-  
ever, in side by side comparisons, plants of the new cultivar  
differ from plants of 'Balcabscar' in at least flower color.  
Plants of the new cultivar have a darker red petal color than  
plants of 'Balcabscar'.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying photographs show, as nearly true as it is  
reasonably possible to make the same in color illustrations of  
this type, typical flower and foliage characteristics of the new  
cultivar. Colors in the photographs differ slightly from the  
color values cited in the detailed description, which accu-  
rately describes the colors of 'Balcabrite'. The plants were  
grown in 4-inch pots for 5 weeks in a greenhouse in West  
Chicago, Ill.

FIG. 1 illustrates a side view of the overall growth and  
flowering habit of 'Balcabrite'.

FIG. 2 illustrates a close-up view of an individual flower of  
'Balcabrite'.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

The new cultivar has not been observed under all possible  
environmental conditions to date. Accordingly, it is possible  
that the phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in the  
environment, such as temperature, light intensity, and day  
length, without, however, any variance in genotype.

The chart used in the identification of colors described  
herein is The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural  
Society, London, England, 2007 edition, except where gen-  
eral color terms of ordinary significance are used. The color  
values were determined in May 2012 under natural light  
conditions in West Chicago, Ill.

The following descriptions and measurements describe  
plants produced from cuttings from stock plants and grown in  
a glass-covered greenhouse under conditions comparable to

those used in commercial practice. The plants were grown in West Chicago, Ill. in 4-inch pots for 5 weeks utilizing a soilless growth medium. Greenhouse temperatures were maintained at approximately 70° F. to 77° F. (21° C. to 25° C.) during the day and approximately 65° F. to 68° F. (18° C. to 20° C.) during the night. Greenhouse light levels of 2,500 footcandles to 6,000 footcandles were maintained during the day. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plants.

Botanical classification: *Calibrachoa*×*hybrida* cultivar Balcabrite.

Parentage:

*Female parent*.—Proprietary *Calibrachoa*×*hybrida* breeding selection coded 2333-4, not patented.

*Male parent*.—Proprietary *Calibrachoa*×*hybrida* breeding selection coded 2376-4A, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type cutting*.—Terminal stem.

*Time to initiate roots*.—Approximately 6 to 8 days.

*Time to produce a rooted cutting*.—Approximately 24 to 28 days.

*Root description*.—Fibrous.

*Rooting habit*.—Freely branching.

Plant description:

*Commercial crop time*.—Approximately 6 to 7 weeks from a rooted cutting to finish in a 10 cm pot.

*Growth habit and general appearance*.—Moderately vigorous, trailing.

*Size*.—Height from soil level to top of plant plane: Approximately 8.0 cm. Width: Approximately 32.1 cm.

*Branching habit*.—Freely branching, pinching enhances basal branching. Quantity of main branches per plant: Approximately 6.

*Branch*.—Strength: Moderate. Length: Approximately 14.8 cm. Diameter: Approximately 2.0 mm. Length of central internode: Approximately 1.8 cm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of young and mature stems: 144A with an overlay of 187A.

Foliage description:

*General description*.—Quantity of leaves per main branch: Approximately 12. Fragrance: Slight. Form: Simple. Arrangement on flowering stem: Alternate.

*Leaves*.—Aspect: At acute angle to stem with tip turning downward. Shape: Elliptic. Margin: Entire. Apex: Broadly acute. Base: Attenuate. Venation pattern: Pinnate. Length of mature leaf: Approximately 2.8 cm. Width of mature leaf: Approximately 1.1 cm. Texture of upper and lower surfaces: Moderately glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of upper surface of young foliage: 137B with venation of 144D to indistinguishable. Color of lower surface of young and mature foliage: 138A with venation of 138D to indistinguishable. Color of upper surface of mature foliage: 137A with venation of 144D to indistinguishable.

*Petiole*.—Length: Approximately 2.0 mm. Diameter: Approximately 1.0 mm. Texture: Moderately glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color: 144D.

Flowering description:

*Flowering habit*.—‘Balcabrite’ is freely flowering under outdoor growing conditions with substantially

continuous blooming from spring through autumn and year-round in greenhouse environment.

*Lastingness of individual flower on the plant*.—Approximately 5 to 7 days.

Flower description:

*General description*.—Type: Single, salverform. Quantity per plant: Approximately 15. Fragrance: Slight.

*Bud*.—Rate of opening: Generally takes 3 to 4 days for bud to progress from first color to fully open flower. Quantity per plant: Approximately 7.

*Bud just before opening*.—Shape: Oblong. Length: Approximately 1.9 cm. Diameter: Approximately 5.0 mm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color: Petal portion N79B and tube portion 151C, venation of N186A.

*Corolla*.—Diameter: Approximately 2.9 cm.

*Petals*.—Quantity: 5, fused to form a tube. Shape: Obovate. Margin: Entire. Apex: Obtuse. Length from tube: Approximately 1.1 cm. Length of free portion: Approximately 5.0 mm. Width: Approximately 1.5 cm. Texture of upper surface: Glabrous. Texture of lower surface: Moderately glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of upper surface when first open: Closest to 53A with midveins of N186A. Color of lower surface when first and fully open: 185A with midveins of N186A. Color of upper surface when fully open: Closest to 53B with midveins of N186A.

*Corolla tube*.—Length: Approximately 1.5 cm. Diameter at distal end: Approximately 7.0 mm. Diameter at proximal end: Approximately 2.0 mm. Texture of inner surface: Glabrous. Texture of outer surface: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of inner surface: 13A with venation of N186A. Color of outer surface: 151D with venation of N186A.

*Sepals*.—Quantity per flower: 5, fused along lower third. Shape: Lanceolate. Apex: Acute. Length: Approximately 1.5 cm. Width: Approximately 2.0 mm. Texture of upper surface: Densely glandular pubescent. Texture of lower surface: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color of upper surface: 137A. Color of lower surface: 138B with base of 145B.

*Peduncle*.—Strength: Strong. Aspect: Acute angle to stem. Length: Approximately 1.7 cm. Diameter: Approximately 1.0 mm. Texture: Densely glandular pubescent. Gland color: Colorless, transparent. Color: 144B with a faint overly of 187A.

*Reproductive organs*.—Androecium: Stamen quantity: 5, basifixed. Stamen length: Approximately 1.1 cm. Filament length of fixed portion: Approximately 5.0 mm. Filament color: 154D with streaks of N186A. Anther shape: Bilobed, ovoid. Anther length: Approximately 1.0 mm. Anther color: 8A. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: 8B. Gynoecium: Pistil quantity: 1 per flower. Pistil length: Approximately 1.0 cm. Stigma shape: Funnel. Stigma length: Less than 1.0 mm. Stigma color: 144A. Style length: Approximately 8.0 mm. Style color: N144D. Ovary diameter: Approximately 2.0 mm. Ovary color: N144C with a spot of N186A at apex.

Seed and fruit production: Neither seed nor fruit production has been observed.

Disease and pest resistance: Resistance to pathogens and pests common to *Calibrachoa* has not been observed.

What is claimed is:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Calibrachoa* plant named 'Balcabrite', substantially as herein shown and described.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2