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(54) **BOUGAINVILLEA PLANT NAMED**
'IREBABS3'

(50) Latin Name: *Bougainvillea*×*spectro-glabra*
Varietal Denomination: **IREBABS3**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A *Bougainvillea* plant particularly distinguished by a
rounded and spreading shrub and having purple bracts, is
disclosed.

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Genus and species: *Bougainvillea*×*spectro-glabra*.
Variety denomination: 'IREBABS3'.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety
of *Bougainvillea*, botanically known as *Bougainvillea*×*spec-*
tro-glabra, and hereinafter referred to by the variety name
'IREBABS3'. The new variety originated from an open-pol-
lination with the female parent 'Pedro' (unpatented) and an
unknown male *Bougainvillea* in October 1998 in Brisbane,
Australia. A single plant selection was subsequently chosen
in October 2000 in Brisbane, Australia for further evaluation
and asexual propagation.

The new plant was first asexually propagated in October
2000 in Brisbane, Australia and has been asexually repro-
duced by cuttings for numerous generations in Brisbane,
Australia. The present invention has been found to retain its
distinctive characteristics through successive asexual propa-
gations by cuttings.

'IREBABS3' has not been made publicly available or sold
more than one year prior to the filing of this application.

SUMMARY

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

1. A rounded and spreading shrub; and
2. Having purple bracts.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

This new *Bougainvillea* plant is illustrated by the accom-
panying photograph which shows the foliage and bracts of the
plant. The colors are as true as can be reasonably obtained by
conventional photographic procedures. The photograph is of
a plant less than one-year-old grown outdoors in Brisbane,
Australia.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive
characteristics of 'IREBABS3'. The data which defines these

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characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions
carried out in Brisbane, Australia. The plant history was taken
in May 2013 on five-year-old plants grown outdoors in Bris-
bane, Australia. Color references were taken under natural
light and are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Hor-
ticultural Society of London (R.H.S. 2005).

Classification:

Family.—Nyctaginaceae.

Botanical name.—*Bougainvillea*×*spectro-glabra*.

Common name.—*Bougainvillea*.

Denomination.—'IREBABS3'.

Plant:

Type.—Shrub and perennial (in warmer climates).

Form.—Rounded.

Habit.—Low growing and spreading.

Appropriate containers.—Commercial pots of all sizes.

Time to produce a finished flowering plant.—12 weeks
from a cutting.

Growth rate.—Moderate.

Vigor.—Strong.

Height (measured from the top of the soil).—60.0 cm.

Width (horizontal plant diameter).—Up to 100.0 cm.

Pinching required.—Yes, at liner stage.

Propagation type.—Cuttings.

Lateral branches:

Branching habit.—Horizontal.

Length.—60.0 cm.

Diameter.—0.14 cm to 0.18 cm.

Internode length.—1.4 cm to 1.6 cm.

Aspect.—Horizontal.

Strength.—Strong.

Color.—RHS 199B.

Pubescence.—Slightly puberulent.

Thorns.—Size: 0.4 cm to 0.5 cm in length. Quantity:
About 5% of the leaf nodes have thorns. Color: RHS
164C.

Foliage:

Arrangement.—Alternate, single.

Appearance.—Thick, dull.

Durability of foliage to stresses.—Strong.

Quantity of leaves per lateral branch.—Over 70.

Shape.—Broadly ovate.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Acute.
Margin.—Entire.
Length.—3.0 cm to 3.5 cm. 5
Diameter.—2.3 cm to 2.9 cm.
Color, immature.—Upper surface: RHS 139A. Lower surface: RHS 138A.
Color, mature.—Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 138A. 10
Texture.—Both upper and lower surfaces: Smooth.
Venation type.—Pinnate.
Venation color.—Upper surface: RHS 138A. Lower surface: RHS 138A.
Petiole.—Length: 0.4 cm to 0.5 cm. Diameter: 0.8 mm to 1.0 mm. Color: RHS 138A. 15
 Inflorescence:
General.—Flowers all along the branch branchlets with flowers at each node.
Height.—About 4.0 cm. 20
Width.—About 5.0 cm.
Bud.—Shape: Urn-shaped. Length: 0.9 cm to 1.5 cm. Diameter: 0.5 cm to 1.2 cm. Color: Purple-violet.
Flower.—Type and habit: Single flowers arranged in axillary panicles; flowers are upright and self-cleaning. Fragrance: Absent. Aspect: Upright. Flowering season: Profuse flowering; flowers in autumn, the spring and regions with mild winters. Diameter: 3.2 cm to 3.5 cm. Depth: 3.0 cm. Quantity per lateral stem: Over 100. Quantity of flowers per inflorescence: 8 to 10. Flower tube (perianth): Color: RHS

155B. Diameter: 0.5 cm. Length: 2.5 cm. Quantity per flower: 3; composed of 5 fused petals. Bracts: Quantity per flower: 3. Length: 3.0 cm to 3.2 cm. Width: 2.1 cm to 2.3 cm. Shape: Broadly ovate. Apex: Acute. Base: Cordate. Margin: Entire. Texture (upper and lower surfaces): Velvety. Color, when opening: Upper surface: RHS N78C. Lower surface: RHS N78C. Color, when open: Upper surface: RHS N78A. Lower surface: RHS N78A. Peduncle: Length: 0.6 cm to 0.8 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Angle: 30°. Strength: Strong. Color: RHS 138A. Pedicel: Length: 0.18 cm to 0.25 cm. Diameter: 0.1 mm. Angle: 25°. Strength: Moderate. Color: RHS 138A.

Fruit and seed set: None observed.

Disease and insect resistance: No specific disease or insect resistance observed.

Reproductive organs: None observed.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND COMMERCIAL VARIETY

‘IREBABS3’ differs from the female *Bougainvillea* parent ‘Pedro’ (unpatented), in that the ‘IREBABS3’ has purple bracts, while ‘Pedro’ has brick-red-orange bracts.

‘IREBABS3’ differs from the commercial comparison ‘Koiro’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 23,272) in that ‘IREBABS3’ has purple bracts, while ‘Koiro’ has red-purple bracts.

We claim:

1. A new and distinct variety of *Bougainvillea* plant as shown and described herein. 30

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