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(54) **BOUGAINVILLEA PLANT NAMED**
'IREBABS2'

(50) Latin Name: *Bougainvillea*×*spectro-glabra*
Varietal Denomination: **IREBABS2**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A *Bougainvillea* plant particularly distinguished by a
rounded, low growing, prostrate, and spreading shrub and
having rose-colored bracts, is disclosed.

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Genus and species: *Bougainvillea*×*spectro-glabra*.
Variety denomination: 'IREBABS2'.

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
'IREBABS2'. The new variety originated from an open-pol-
lination between the female *Bougainvillea* 'Kayata' (unpat-
ented) and unknown male *Bougainvillea* in October 1996. A
single plant selection was subsequently chosen in May 1998
for further evaluation and asexual propagation.

The new plant was first asexually propagated October 1998
in Brisbane, Australia and has been asexually reproduced by
cuttings for numerous generations in Brisbane, Australia. The
present invention has been found to retain its distinctive char-
acteristics through successive asexual propagations by cut-
tings.

'IREBABS2' has not been made publicly available or sold
more than one year prior to the filing of this application.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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, low growing, prostrate, and spreading shrub;
and
2. Having rose-colored bracts.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This new *Bougainvillea* plant is illustrated by the accom-
panying photographs which show the overall habit, foliage,
reproductive organs and colored bracts of the plant. The col-
ors are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional
photographic procedures. The photographs are of an approxi-
mately ten-year-old plant grown outdoors in Brisbane, Aus-
tralia.

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FIG. 1 shows a close-up the foliage, flower buds, colored
bracts, and grey-yellow and grey-purple flowers taken in May
2014.

FIG. 2 shows a close-up a single bract and the reproductive
organs taken in May 2014.

FIG. 3 shows the overall plant habit of 'IREBABS2' taken
in June 2014.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive
characteristics of 'IREBABS2'. The data which defines these
characteristics were collected from asexual reproductions
carried out in Brisbane, Australia. The plant history was taken
in May 2013 on ten-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.—'IREBABS2'.

Plant:

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

Form.—Rounded.

Habit.—Low growing, prostrate, 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.—Good — strong.

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

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

Pinching required.—Yes, at liner stage.

Propagation type.—Cuttings.

Lateral branches:

Branching habit.—Horizontal.

Diameter.—0.3 cm to 0.5 cm.

Internode length.—0.7 cm to 1.5 cm.

Aspect.—Horizontal.
Strength.—Strong.
Color.—RHS 191A.
Pubescence.—Absent.
Thorns.—General: Minimal and mainly on older wood 5
 and last season growth. Size: 0.4 cm to 0.6 cm in
 length. Quantity: 2 per inch. Color: RHS 191A
 (Greyed-Green).
 Foliage:
Arrangement.—Alternate, single. 10
Durability of foliage to stresses.—Strong.
Quantity of leaves per lateral branch.—28 to 30.
Shape.—Ovate.
Apex.—Acuminate.
Base.—Shortly attenuate. 15
Margin.—Smooth, entire.
Length.—5.0 cm to 5.3 cm.
Diameter.—2.9 cm to 3.5 cm.
Color, immature.—Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower 20
 surface: RHS 137C.
Color, mature.—Upper surface: RHS 139A. Lower sur-
 face: RHS 138A.
Texture.—Both upper and lower surfaces: Smooth.
Venation type.—Pinnate.
Venation color.—Upper surface: RHS 139A. Lower sur- 25
 face: RHS 138A.
Petiole.—Length: 1.1 cm to 1.3 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm to
 0.15 cm. Color: RHS 138A.
 Spines: Present.
 Inflorescence: 30
General.—Flowers all along the branch — branchlets
 with flowers at each node.
Width.—15.0 cm to 15.6 cm.
Bud.—Shape: Urn-shaped. Length: 0.6 cm to 1.2 cm.
 Diameter: 0.6 cm to 0.8 cm. Color: RHS 59A. 35
Flower.—Type and habit: Single flowers arranged in
 axillary panicles; flowers are upright and self-clean-
 ing; ruffled at the base. Fragrance: Absent. Aspect:
 Upright. Flowering season: Profuse flowering; flow- 40
 ers in autumn, the spring and regions with mild win-
 ters. Diameter: 2.3 cm to 2.5 cm. Depth: 2.6 cm to 2.9.
 Quantity per lateral stem: About 87 to 90. Quantity of
 flowers per inflorescence: 8 to 10. Flower: General:
 Flower throat is tubular in shape, slender; *Bougain- 45*
villea inflorescence consists of three fused and col-
 ored bracts with three flowers having fused petals.
 Length: 1.8 cm to 2.0 cm. Color, immature, outer
 surface, closed: RHS 184B with RHS 184C at the top.

Color, mature, fully opened: Outer surface: RHS
 162C (Greyed-Yellow) with rays of RHS 184D
 (Greyed-Purple). Inner surface: RHS 160B to RHS
 160D (Greyed-Yellow) with RHS 145B (Green) and
 RHS 184D (Greyed-Purple) striations between the
 fused petals. Bracts: Quantity per flower: 1 flower per
 bract in group of 3. Length: 3.0 cm to 3.2 cm. Width:
 2.6 cm to 2.8 cm. Shape: Broadly ovate. Apex: Shortly
 acuminate. Base: Cordate. Margin: Entire. Texture
 (upper and lower surfaces): Velvety. Color, when
 opening: Upper surface: RHS 58A. Lower surface:
 RHS 61A. Color, when open: Upper surface: RHS
 180A. Lower surface: RHS 61C. Fading to: RHS
 180C. Peduncle: Length: 1.6 cm to 2.0 cm. Diameter:
 0.1 cm to 0.15 cm. Angle: 25°. Strength: Strong.
 Color: RHS 138B. Pedicel: Length: 3.0 cm to 3.5 cm.
 Diameter: 0.1 cm to 0.17 cm. Angle: 30°. Strength:
 Moderate. Color: RHS 138B.

Reproductive organs:

Anther color.—RHS 155A (White).
Pollen color.—Too small to determine.
Number of pistils per flower.—1.
Pistil length.—0.7 cm.
Stigma shape.—Tapering wedge shape.
Stigma color.—RHS 151A (Yellow-Green).
Style length.—3.0 cm.
Style color.—RHS 151A (Yellow-Green).
Ovary color.—RHS 151A (Yellow-Green).

Fruit and seed set: Rarely observed, but 1 seed per flower if
 fertile; 0.3 cm length, 0.13 cm diameter, RHS 177D.

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

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL AND COMMERCIAL VARIETY

‘IREBABS2’ differs from the female *Bougainvillea* parent
 ‘Kayata’ (unpatented) in that ‘Kayata’ has a taller growing
 plant habit than ‘IREBABS2’.

‘IREBABS2’ differs from the commercial comparison
 ‘Kasumi’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 22,113) in that ‘IREBABS2’
 has rose-colored bracts, while ‘Kasumi’ has salmon-pink
 bracts.

We claim:

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

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FIG. 1

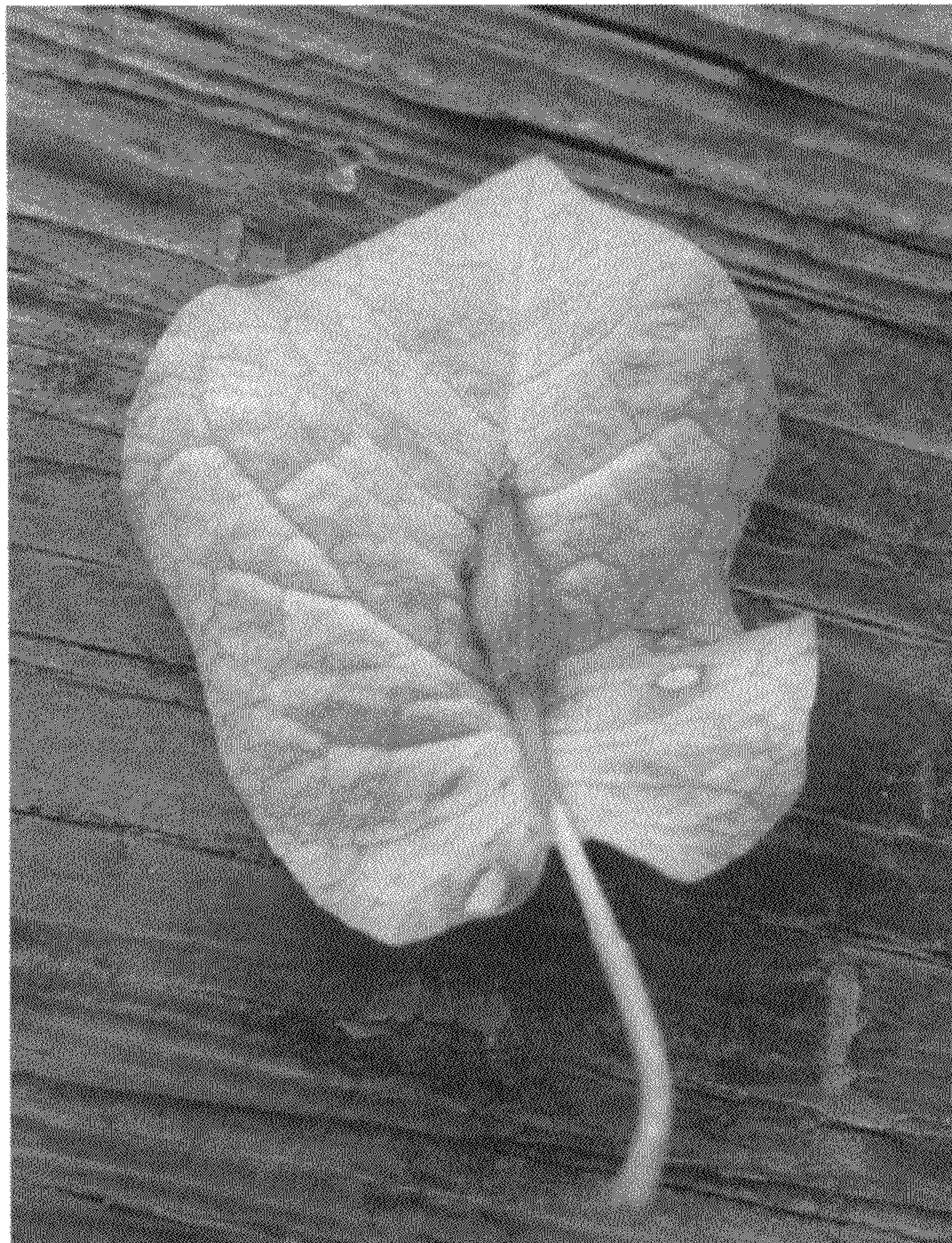


FIG. 2



FIG. 3