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(54) **HYPERICUM PLANT NAMED ‘RUIHYH002A’**

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Varietal Denomination: **RUIHYH002A**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Hypericum* plant particularly distinguished by light-
yellow berries and an upright, dense, and bushy plant habit, is
disclosed.

2 Drawing Sheets

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Genus and species: *Hypericum×Inodorum*.
Variety denomination: ‘RUIHYH002A’.

BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct variety
of *Hypericum*, botanically known as *Hypericum×Inodorum*,
and hereinafter referred to by the variety name
‘RUIHYH002A’. ‘RUIHYH002A’ originated from a cross
conducted in June 2007 in Hazerswoude, The Netherlands
between the proprietary female *Hypericum* variety
‘Ruihyc003a’ (unpatented), and pollen from a mixture of
un-named male *Hypericum* varieties.

The seeds from the cross were sown and plants were grown
outdoors for evaluation. An individual plant designated
‘RUIHYH002A’ was selected in October 2010.
‘RUIHYH002A’ was first vegetatively propagated in May
2010 in Hazerswoude, The Netherlands by softwood cut-
tings. ‘RUIHYH002A’ was found to reproduce true to type in
successive generations of asexual propagation via softwood
cuttings.

‘RUIHYH002A’ has not been made publicly available or
sold more than one year prior to the filing date of this appli-
cation.

SUMMARY

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

1. Light yellow berries; and
2. An upright, dense, and bushy plant habit.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

This new *Hypericum* plant is illustrated by the accompa-
nying photographs which show the plant’s overall plant habit
including form, foliage, and berries. The photograph is of a

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one-year-old plant grown in outdoors in Hazerswoude, The
Netherlands in September 2010. The colors shown are as true
as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photographic
procedures.

- 5 FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit in a pot.
FIG. 2 shows a close-up of the foliage and berries.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY

- 10 The following detailed descriptions set forth the distinctive
characteristics of ‘RUIHYH002A’. The data which define
these characteristics were collected from one-year-old plants
grown outdoors in Amstelveen, The Netherlands in Septem-
ber 2013. Color references are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of
15 The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.), 1995.
Classification:

Family.—Hypericeae.

Botanical.—*Hypericum×Inodorum*.

Designation.—‘RUIHYH002A’.

20 *Parentage*.—Female parent: The proprietary female
Hypericum variety ‘Ruihyc003a’ (unpatented). Male
parent: A mixture of pollen from un-named *Hyperi-
cum* varieties.

25 Plant:

Form.—Upright.

Habit.—Dense, bushy.

Height (measured from the top of the soil).—20.0 cm.

Width (horizontal plant diameter).—30.0 cm.

30 *Time to produce a finished plant*.—8 months.

Outdoor plant performance.—For use in pots.

Time to initiate and develop roots.—14 to 21 days.

Root description.—Fibrous, well-branched; when
young, are white, but older roots are RHS 165A
(Brown).

35 *Propagation type*.—Softwood cutting.

Growing season.—Flowers in the summer and berries
develop in September.

Stems:
Quantity per plant.—Average is 20.
Length.—About 14.0 cm.
Internode length.—2.0 cm.
Diameter (from midpoint).—About 3.0 mm.
Color.—RHS 145C.
Texture.—Smooth.
Anthocyanin.—Present, RHS 180D.
Strength.—Strong.

Leaves:
Arrangement.—Decussate.
Length.—4.0 cm.
Width.—2.5 cm.
Shape.—Oval.
Apex.—Acute.
Base.—Cordate.
Margin.—Entire.
Color, immature.—Upper surface: RHS 138A. Lower surface: RHS 138B.
Color, mature.—Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 138B.
Texture (both upper and lower surfaces).—Smooth.
Venation type.—Pinnate.
Venation color.—Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 138B.
Petiole.—Absent.

Inflorescence:
Type.—Cyme, compound, composed of approximately 7 cymes.
Height.—4.0 cm.
Width.—4.5 cm.
Flowering season.—Summer.
Fragrance.—Absent.
Peduncle.—Length: 2.0 mm. Diameter: 1.0 mm. Color: RHS 147C. Strength: Strong. Texture: Smooth.

Bud:
Color.—RHS 12B.
Shape.—Round.
Height.—0.7 cm.
Diameter.—0.7 cm.
Texture.—Smooth.

Flower:
Depth.—1.0 cm.
Diameter.—2.0 cm.
Quantity per inflorescence.—9.
Petals.—Arrangement and quantity of petals per flower: Single, composed of 5 petals per flower. Length: 0.8 cm. Width: 0.7 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Rounded. Base: Cuneate. Margin: Entire. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces): Smooth. Color (both immature and mature): Upper surface: RHS 7A. Lower surface: RHS 7C.

Calyx:
Arrangement and quantity of sepals per flower.—5.
Shape.—Flat.
Sepals.—Length: 0.5 cm. Width: 0.4 cm. Shape: Ovate. Apex: Acute. Base: Cordate. Margin: Entire. Texture

(both upper and lower surfaces): Smooth. Color: Upper surface: RHS 138B. Lower surface: RHS 139D.

Pedicel:
Length.—1.0 cm.
Diameter.—0.15 cm.
Color.—RHS 144A.
Texture.—Smooth.

Reproductive organs:
Stamens.—Quantity per flower: About 55. Filament: Length: 0.7 cm. Width: 0.2 mm. Color: RHS 12A. Anther: Length: 0.1 cm. Width: 0.5 mm. Color: RHS 12A. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: RHS 13B.
Pistil.—Quantity per flower: 3. Length: 0.4 cm. Width: 6.0 mm. Stigma: Shape: Globular. Color: RHS 179A. Quantity of stigma per pistil: 3. Style: Length: 0.3 cm. Color: RHS 153C. Ovary: Color: RHS 153D. Ovary length: 7.0 mm. Ovary width: 6.0 mm.

Fruit and seed set: Berries observed; 8 berries per inflorescence, berries are smooth, berry glossiness is matte, berries are round in shape, 0.9 cm in length, 0.9 cm in width, and RHS 8C.

Disease and pest/insect resistance: No disease and pest/insect resistance observed or tested.

COMPARISON WITH PARENTAL LINE AND KNOWN VARIETY

‘RUIHYH002A’ is a distinct variety of *Hypericum* and is distinguished from its female parent as described in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Comparison with Parental Line		
Characteristic	‘RUIHYH002A’	Female Parent ‘Ruihyc003a’
Berry size	Bigger than female parent	Smaller than ‘RUIHYH002A’
Berry color	Light-yellow	Cream

When ‘RUIHYH002A’ is compared to the commercial variety ‘Seibig’ (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 20,668), the following difference is described in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Comparison with Similar Variety		
Characteristic	‘RUIHYH002A’	‘Seibig’
Berry color	Light-yellow	Dark red

I claim:
1. A new and distinct variety of *Hypericum* plant designated ‘RUIHYH002A’ as illustrated and described herein.

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FIG.1



FIG. 2