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(54) **NEW GUINEA *IMPATIENS* PLANT NAMED
'DUEPETPUST'**

(50) Latin Name: *Impatiens hawkeri*
Varietal Denomination: **Duepetpust**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Impatiens* plant named
'Duepetpust' characterized by its upright, outwardly spread-
ing and mounding plant habit; moderately vigorous growth
habit; medium in size; freely branching habit; dark green-
colored leaves; freely and early flowering habit; large red
purple and darker red purple-colored flowers; and good
garden performance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical designation: *Impatiens hawkeri*.
Cultivar denomination: 'DUEPETPUST'.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar
of New Guinea *Impatiens* plant, botanically known as *Impa-
tiens hawkeri* and hereinafter referred to by the name
'Duepetpust'.

The new *Impatiens* plant is a product of a planned
breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Rheinberg,
Germany. The objective of the breeding program is to create
new medium-sized and uniform New Guinea *Impatiens*
plants with attractive flowers.

The new *Impatiens* plant originated from a cross-pollina-
tion made by the Inventor in June, 2010 in Rheinberg,
Germany of a proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri*
identified as code number N07-2453-002, not patented, as
the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of
Impatiens hawkeri identified as code number N08-0652-
001, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new
Impatiens plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor
as a single flowering plant from within the progeny of the
stated cross-pollination in a controlled greenhouse environ-
ment in Rheinberg, Germany in May, 2014.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Impatiens* plant by
terminal cuttings in a controlled greenhouse environment in
Rheinberg, Germany since June, 2014 has shown that the
unique features of this new *Impatiens* plant are stable and
reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new *Impatiens* have not been observed under
all possible combinations of environmental conditions and
cultural practices. The phenotype may vary somewhat with
variations in environmental conditions such as temperature,
daylight and light intensity without, however, any variance
in genotype.

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The following traits have been repeatedly observed and
are determined to be the unique characteristics of 'Duepet-
pust'. These characteristics in combination distinguish
'Duepetpust' as a new and distinct *Impatiens* plant:

1. Upright, outwardly spreading and mounding plant
habit.
2. Moderately vigorous growth habit; medium in size.
3. Freely branching habit.
4. Dark green-colored leaves.
5. Freely and early flowering habit.
6. Large red purple and darker red purple-colored flowers.
7. Good garden performance.

Plants of the new *Impatiens* can be compared to plants of
the female parent selection. Plants of the new *Impatiens*
differ primarily from plants of the female parent selection in
flower color as plants of the female parent selection have
pink-colored flowers. In addition, plants of the new *Impa-
tiens* are larger than plants of the female parent selection.

Plants of the new *Impatiens* can be compared to plants of
the male parent selection. Plants of the new *Impatiens* differ
primarily from plants of the male parent selection in flower
color as plants of the male parent selection have orange-
colored flowers.

Plants of the new *Impatiens* can be compared to plants of
Impatiens hawkeri 'Kibahia', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat.
No. 18,442. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Rhei-
nberg, Germany, plants of the new *Impatiens* differed pri-
marily from plants of 'Kibahia' in the following character-
istics:

1. Plants of the new *Impatiens* were slightly larger than
plants of 'Kibahia'.
2. Plants of the new *Impatiens* were more freely branching
than plants of 'Kibahia'.
3. Plants of the new *Impatiens* had slightly larger and
darker green-colored leaves than plants of 'Kibahia'.
4. Plants of the new *Impatiens* and 'Kibahia' differed in
flower color as plants of 'Kibahia' had violet pink and
red purple-colored flowers.

5. Plants of the new *Impatiens* had longer peduncles than plants of 'Kibahia'.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the overall appearance of the new *Impatiens* plant showing the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photograph may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed botanical description which accurately describe the colors of the new *Impatiens* plant.

The photograph comprises a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Duepetpust' grown in a container.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph and following observations, measurements and values describe plants grown during the summer in 10.5-cm containers in a glass-covered greenhouse in Rheinberg, Germany and under cultural practices typical of commercial New Guinea *Impatiens* production. During the production of the plants, day and night temperatures averaged 18° C. and light levels averaged 4,500 lux. Plants were pinched one time three weeks after planting and were 16 weeks old when the photograph and description were taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Impatiens hawkeri* 'Duepetpust'.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number N07-2453-002, not patented.

Male, or pollen, parent.—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number N08-0652-001, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—By terminal cuttings.

Time to initiate roots, summer.—About five days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About seven days at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.—About three weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.—About four weeks at temperatures about 20° C.

Root description.—Fine, fibrous; white in color.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; dense.

Plant description:

Plant and growth habit.—Upright to outwardly spreading and mounding plant habit; medium in size; freely branching habit with about 17 lateral branches developing per plant; moderately vigorous growth habit.

Plant height.—About 40 cm.

Plant diameter.—About 52 cm.

Lateral branch description:

Length.—About 20 cm to 24 cm.

Diameter.—About 5 mm to 8 mm.

Internode length.—About 1.5 cm to 4.5 cm.

Strength.—Strong.

Aspect.—Initially upright to outwardly spreading.

Texture.—Smooth, glabrous.

Color, when developing.—Close to 59A.

Color, fully developed.—Close to 199A.

Leaf description:

Arrangement.—Opposite or in whorls; simple.

Length.—About 8.8 cm.

Width.—About 3.1 cm.

Shape.—Ovate.

Apex.—Apiculate.

Base.—Obtuse.

Margin.—Serrulate with ciliation.

Texture, upper and lower surfaces.—Smooth, glabrous; leathery.

Venation pattern.—Pinnate; arcuate.

Color.—Developing leaves, upper surface: Close to 147A. Developing leaves, lower surface: Close to 187A. Fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to 147A; venation, close to 187B. Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 183A; venation, close to 187A.

Petioles.—Length: About 1.4 cm. Diameter: About 2.6 mm. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; leathery. Color, upper surface: Close to 183B. Color, lower surface: Close to 183A.

Flower description:

Flower type and flowering habit.—Large single rounded and flat axillary flowers; freely flowering habit, typically about four to seven open flowers and flower buds per lateral branch and about 130 flowers potentially developing per plant; flowers positioned above and beyond the foliar plane, flowers typically face mostly upright to outwardly.

Flower longevity.—Flowers typically last about one to two days on the plant under greenhouse conditions; petals self-cleaning, gynoecium persistent.

Fragrance.—None detected.

Natural flowering season.—Year-round under greenhouse conditions; in the garden, flowering from spring until fall in Germany; early flowering habit, plants typically begin flowering about eight weeks after planting.

Flower buds.—Length: About 1.6 cm. Diameter: About 1.2 cm. Shape: Ovate. Color: Close to 59B.

Flower diameter.—About 6.6 cm.

Flower depth.—About 2 cm.

Petals.—Quantity and arrangement: Five per flower in a single whorl. Length: About 3.5 cm. Width: About 3.5 cm. Shape: Obcordate. Apex: Cordate; rounded. Base: Acute. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; satiny. Color: When opening, upper surface: Close to 67C and N66A. When opening, lower surface: Close to 63A. Fully opened, upper surface: Close to 57C and 57A; color becoming closer to 61 B with development. Fully opened, lower surface: Close to 58B; color becoming closer to 61 C with development.

Sepals.—Quantity and arrangement: Three in a single whorl; one modified into an elongated spur. Length: About 1.4 cm. Width: About 7.7 mm. Shape: Lanceolate. Apex: Apiculate. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Entire. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; leathery. Color: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 182D. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 59C. Spur length: About 5.3 cm. Spur diameter: At the flower, about 1.5 mm. Spur texture: Smooth, glabrous. Spur color: Close to 186C.

Peduncles.—Length: About 6 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm. Angle: Upright to outward. Strength: Moderately strong; flexible. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 148C and 185D.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity: Five fused at anthers; filaments free. Filament length: About 2 mm. Filament color: Close to 61B. Anther length: About 4 mm. Anther shape: Oval. Anther color: Close to 62B. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: Close to 4D. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 6 mm. Stigma shape: Crested. Stigma color: Close to 59B. Style length: About 3 mm. Style color: Close to 187A. Ovary color: Close to 149C.

Seeds and fruits.—Seed and fruit production has not been observed on plants of the new *Impatiens*.

Disease & pest resistance: Plants of the new *Impatiens* have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Impatiens* plants.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Impatiens* have been observed to have good garden performance and tolerate temperatures ranging from about 5° C. to about 40° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Impatiens* plant named ‘Duepetpust’ as illustrated and described.

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