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(54) **ROSA PLANT NAMED ‘RUIRI0023A’**

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Varietal Denomination: **RUIRI0023A**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct groundcover *Rosa* plant named  
‘RUIRI0023A’ is disclosed, characterized by abundant  
double red flowers with yellow stamens. Plants are compact  
and low growing, suitable for groundcover use. The new  
variety is a *Rosa*, normally produced as an outdoor garden  
or container plant.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Latin name of the genus and species: *Rosa hybrida*.  
Variety denomination: ‘RUIRI0023A’.

#### BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The new *Rosa* cultivar is a product of a planned breeding  
program conducted by the inventor. The cross resulting in  
this new variety was made in Spring of 2008 at a nursery in  
Boskoop, The Netherlands.

The seed parent is the unpatented variety *Rosa*  
‘NOA84497D’. The pollen parent is the unpatented variety  
*Rosa* ‘NOACAS x TANANASTRUA’. The new variety was  
selected in May 2011 by the inventor at the same nursery in  
Boskoop, The Netherlands. The inventor continued observ-  
ing characteristics of the new variety for several years, in the  
controlled conditions of the research nursery.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar was performed  
by vegetative softwood cuttings. This was first performed at  
a greenhouse in Amstelveen, The Netherlands, in May 2011,  
and has shown that the unique features of this cultivar are  
stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

#### SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’ has not been observed under  
all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may  
vary somewhat with variations in environment such as  
temperature, day length, and light intensity, without, how-  
ever, any variance in genotype.

The following traits have been repeatedly observed and  
are determined to be the unique characteristics of  
‘RUIRI0023A’ These characteristics in combination distin-  
guish ‘RUIRI0023A’ as a new and distinct *Rosa* cultivar:

1. Compact, groundcover shrub rose.
2. Abundant double red flowers.
3. Yellow filament color.
4. Green receptacle color.

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#### PARENTAL COMPARISON

Plants of the new cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’ are similar to  
plants of the seed parent, in most horticultural characteris-  
tics, however, plants of the new cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’  
differ in the following:

1. Flowers of the new variety are red, while flowers of the  
seed parent are red-orange.

Plants of the new cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’ are similar to  
plants of the pollen parent in most horticultural character-  
istics, however, plants of the new cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’  
differs in the following:

1. Filament color of the new variety is yellow, while the  
filament color of the pollen parent is red.
2. The receptacle color of the new variety is green, while  
the receptacle color of the pollen parent is purple.

#### COMMERCIAL COMPARISON

Plants of the new cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’ can be com-  
pared to the commercial variety *Rosa* ‘Wekcibako’, U.S.  
Plant Pat. No. 18,552. These varieties are similar in most  
horticultural characteristics, however ‘RUIRI0023A’ differs  
in the following:

1. This new cultivar has smaller flowers than this com-  
parator.
2. This new cultivar typically produces 25 petals per  
flower; this comparator produces 5 petals per flower.
3. The new variety has a slower flowering cycle than this  
comparator.

Plants of the new cultivar ‘RUIRI0023A’ can be com-  
pared to the commercial variety *Rosa* ‘NOA83100’, U.S.  
Plant Pat. No. 17,373. These varieties are similar in most  
horticultural characteristics, however ‘RUIRI0023A’ differs  
in the following:



1. This new cultivar produces more flowers per plant than this comparator.
2. This new cultivar has a more compact, dense habit than this comparator.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying photograph in FIG. 1 illustrates in full color typical plants of 'RUIRI0023A' in the ground, outdoors in a test field in De Kwakel, the Netherlands. Plants in FIG. 1 are approximately 2 years old.

FIG. 2 illustrates a close up view of the flowers.

The photographs were taken using conventional techniques and although colors may appear different from actual colors due to light reflectance it is as accurate as possible by conventional photographic techniques.

## DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart 2007 except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The following observations and measurements describe 'RUIRI0023A' plants grown outdoors, in De Kwakel, The Netherlands. The growing temperature ranged from approximately 20° C. to 26° C. during the day and from approximately 16° C. to 18° C. during the night. Measurements were taken in August. General light conditions were very bright, normal sunlight. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical plant types.

Botanical classification: *Rosa* 'RUIRI0023A'.

Market classification.—Bed.

## PROPAGATION

Time to initiate roots: 10 days at approximately 25° C.

Time to produce a rooted cutting: 21 days at approximately 25° C.

## PLANT

Growth habit: Dense, low growing, groundcover type.

Age of plant described: 1 year.

In a container or in the ground: Ground.

Height: 40 cm.

Plant spread: 30 cm.

Branching characteristics:

Length of primary lateral branches: Approximately 15 cm.

Diameter of lateral branches: Approximately 4 cm.

Quantity of lateral branches: Numerous.

Branching arrangement: Compound.

Branches-young wood:

*Diameter*.—Approximately 0.2 cm.

*Texture*.—Smooth.

*Approximately density/quantity of thorns*.—Normal.

*Color*.—Near RHS Red-Orange 174D.

Branches-old wood:

*Diameter*.—Approximately 0.5 cm, after 0.5 years.

*Color*.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 146B.

*Texture*.—Smooth.

*Density*.—Dense.

*Thorns*.—Color: Near RHS Greyed-Purple 183C.  
Height: 0.6 cm. Diameter: 0.5 cm.

## FOLIAGE

Leaf:

*Arrangement*.—Imparipinnate.

*Quantity*.—Approximately 5 per main branch.

*Average length*.—Approximately 8 cm.

*Average width*.—Approximately 5 cm.

Leaflet:

*Quantity*.—3, 5, or 7 per leaf.

*Average length*.—Approximately 3 cm.

*Average width*.—Approximately 2.5 cm.

*Shape of blade*.—Elliptic.

*Apex*.—Acute.

*Base*.—Obtuse.

*Margin*.—Serrate.

*Texture of top surface*.—Smooth.

*Texture of bottom surface*.—Smooth.

*Pubescence*.—Puberulous.

*Leaf internode length*.—1.5-2 cm.

*Color*.—Young foliage upper side: Near RHS Green N137A. Young foliage under side: Near RHS Yellow-Green 147B. Mature foliage upper side: Near RHS Green NN137A. Mature foliage under side: Near RHS Green 147B.

*Venation*.—Type: Pinnate. Venation color upper side: Near Green 143C. Venation color under side: Near Green 138B.

Stipule:

*Length*.—1 cm.

*Width*.—0.4 cm.

*Color*.—Near RHS Green N137A.

*Texture*.—Smooth.

Petiole:

*Length*.—0.8 cm.

*Width*.—0.18 cm.

*Color*.—Near RHS Green 137B.

*Texture*.—Hairy.

Rachis:

*Length*.—1 cm.

*Width*.—0.2 cm.

*Color*.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144C.

*Texture*.—Pubescent.

## FLOWER

Natural flowering season: June-October in Europe.

Begins flowering after how many years/months: 2 months.

Inflorescence type: Multiflora.

Rate of flower opening: Approximately 3 days from bud to fully opened flower.

Flower longevity on plant: 7 days, after fully opened.

Quantity of flowers: 6 flowers per multiflora.

Inflorescence size:

*Diameter*.—Approximately 10 cm.

*Length*.—Approximately 10 cm.

Flower size:

*Diameter*.—Approximately 4.0 to 4.8 cm.

*Length*.—Approximately 3.0 cm.

Peduncle:

*Length*.—4.3 cm.

*Diameter*.—0.2 cm.

Petals:  
    *Petal arrangement.*—Loose.  
    *Length.*—1.5 cm.  
    *Width.*—1.5 cm.  
    *Shape.*—Obcordate.  
    *Margin.*—Undulate.  
    *Apex.*—Retuse.  
    *Base.*—Cuneate.  
    *Petal quantity.*—25.  
    *Texture.*—Velvet.  
    *Color.*—When opening: Upper surface: Near RHS Red 45B. Lower surface: Near RHS Red 45D. Fully opened: Upper surface: Near RHS Red 45B. Lower surface: Near RHS Red 45D. Color Changes when aging: No.

Bud:  
    *Shape.*—Round.  
    *Length.*—Approximately 1.5 cm.  
    *Diameter.*—Approximately 1.5 cm.  
    *Color.*—Near RHS Red 45D.

Sepals:  
    *Length.*—1.8 cm.  
    *Width.*—0.7 cm.  
    *Shape.*—Lorate.  
    *Color.*—Interior Surface: Near Green 138B. Exterior Surface: Near Green 138C.  
    *Texture.*—Smooth.

Receptacle:  
    *Length.*—0.5 cm.  
    *Width.*—0.5 cm.

*Shape.*—Round.  
    *Color.*—Near Yellow-Green 144D.  
Fragrance: None.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Stamens:  
    *Quantity.*—Average 50.  
    *Filament length.*—Average 0.5 cm.  
    *Filament color.*—Yellow 9B.

Anthers:  
    *Length.*—2 mm.  
    *Shape.*—Oblong.  
    *Color.*—RHS Yellow-Orange 22A.

Pistil:  
    *Number.*—Approximately 20.  
    *Length.*—6 mm.  
    *Style.*—Length: Approximately 0.5 cm. Color: Near RHS Yellow-Green 149D.

Stigma:  
    *Shape.*—Orbicular.  
    *Color.*—RHS Greyed-Yellow 160D.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Seeds and fruits: Not observed.  
What is claimed is:  
1. A new and distinct hybrid cultivar of *Rosa* plant named ‘RUIRI0023A’ as herein illustrated and described.

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FIG. 1





FIG. 2