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(54) **VIOLA PLANT NAMED ‘KERVIODEEP’**

(50) Latin Name: *Viola*×*wittrockiana*  
Varietal Denomination: **Kerviodeep**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct *Viola*×*wittrockiana* cultivar named  
‘KERVIODEEP’ is disclosed, characterized, by a unique  
combination of a large, round “pansy” type flower, found on  
a trailing plant. Flower color is a deep red. Plants have a  
compact, trailing plant habit. The new variety is a *Viola*×  
*wittrockiana*, suitable for outdoor landscape and container  
use.

**2 Drawing Sheets**

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Latin name of the genus and species: *Viola*×*wittrockiana*.  
Variety denomination: ‘KERVIODEEP’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The new cultivar is the product of a planned breeding  
program under the direction of the inventors, David Kerley,  
Priscilla Kerley and Timothy Kerley, all citizens of the United  
Kingdom. The objective of the breeding program was to  
produce new trailing *Viola*×*wittrockiana* cultivars for com-  
mercial ornamental purposes. The new cultivar resulted from  
the crossing of two unpatented proprietary seedlings. The  
seed parent was referred to as ‘05-66-4’ and the pollen parent  
was referred to as ‘05-66-5’. The cross resulting in  
‘KERVIODEEP’ was performed during May of 2005. The  
selection of the new variety ‘Kerviodeep’ was made in April  
2006, by the inventors at a research greenhouse located in  
Cambridge, UK.

Asexual reproduction of the new cultivar ‘KERVIODEEP’  
by vegetative cuttings was first performed at the same  
research greenhouse in Cambridge, UK in July of 2006, 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 ‘KERVIODEEP’ has not been observed under  
all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may  
vary somewhat with variations in environment such as tem-  
perature, day length, and light intensity, without, however,  
any variance in genotype.

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

1. Unique round “pansy” flower, on a trailing *Viola* plant,  
rather than the elongated flower form more commonly  
found on spreading or trailing types which are usually  
*Viola*×*williamsii*.
2. Large flower.
3. Spreading, trailing plant habit.

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4. Exceptionally compact habit when grown in a small pot.
5. Unique red flower color not found on trailing type *Viola*  
plants.

**PARENT COMPARISON**

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plants of the seed parent variety, in most horticultural char-  
acteristics. However, plants of the new cultivar produce larger  
flowers, of a more red color, whereas the seed parent has  
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**COMMERCIAL COMPARISON**

Through reasonable research, the inventors have been  
unable to identify any similar vegetatively propagated com-  
mercial *Viola* varieties, with red flower coloration to compare  
with ‘KERVIODEEP’.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

The accompanying photograph in FIG. 1 illustrates in full  
color typical plants of ‘KERVIODEEP’ grown in a poly house  
in Cambridge, UK. Plants are approximately 35 weeks old  
shown in a 20 cm basket, 3 rooted cuttings were planted per  
pot.

FIG. 2 illustrates a close up of a typical flower of ‘KER-  
VOIDEEP’. 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 pos-  
sible by conventional photographic techniques.

**DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION**

In the following description, color references are made to  
The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, 1995 except

where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used. The following observations and measurements describe 'KERVIODEEP' plants grown in an unheated poly house in Cambridge, UK. The growing temperature ranged from approximately -5 to 12° C. at night to -2 to 18° C. during the day. 3 rooted cuttings were planted in a 20 cm basket. No chemical or photoperiodic treatments were given. Measurements and numerical values represent averages of typical flowering types.

Botanical classification: *Viola x wittrockiana*  
'KERVIODEEP'.

Age of the plant described: Approximately 37 weeks, in a 20 cm basket.

#### PROPAGATION

Time to rooting: About 15 to 20 days at approximately 20° C.  
Root description: Fine, fibrous.

#### PLANT

Growth habit: Spreading, trailing.  
Height: Approximately 14 cm.  
Plant spread: Approximately 56 cm.  
Branching characteristics: Free branching.  
Diameter of lateral branches: Approximately 0.5 cm.  
Length of lateral branches: Approximately 23 cm.  
Texture of lateral branches: Glabrous.  
Internode length: Approximately 3.7 cm.  
Strength of stem: Strong.  
Color of lateral branches: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144, with irregular overlay coloration near Greyed-Purple 187B.  
Quantity of lateral and sub lateral branches: Approximately 103.

#### FOLIAGE

Leaf:

*Arrangement.*—Alternate.

*Average length.*—Approximately 4.2 cm.

*Average width.*—Approximately 2.3 cm.

*Shape of blade.*—Obovate.

*Apex.*—Rounded.

*Base.*—Cordate.

*Attachment.*—Petioled.

*Margin.*—Crenulate.

*Texture of top surface.*—Glabrous.

*Texture of bottom surface.*—Glabrous.

*Color.*—Developing foliage upper side: Near R.H.S. Green 137A. Developing foliage under side: Near R.H.S. Green 137C. Mature foliage upper side: Near R.H.S. Green 139D. Mature foliage under side: Near R.H.S. Green 139D.

*Venation.*—Type: Pinnate. Venation color upper side: Near R.H.S. Green 137A. Venation color under side: Near R.H.S. Green 137C.

Petiole:

*Length.*—3.2 cm.

*Diameter.*—0.2 cm.

*Color.*—Upper surface: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A.

*Color.*—Lower surface: Near RHS Yellow-Green 144B.

#### FLOWER

Bloom period: Naturally blooming March to November under United Kingdom outdoor conditions.

Inflorescence:

*Form.*—Single, axillary flowers, comprised of 5 petals total; 2 upper, 2 lateral and 1 lower in a single whorl.

Flower longevity on plant: About 5 days.

Persistent or self-cleaning: Self-Cleaning.

Fragrance: Yes, sweet.

Quantity of flower per plant: Approximately 154.

Flower bud:

*Bud color.*—Near RHS Purple 79B, with more red tonality.

*Bud length.*—Approximately 1.9 cm.

*Bud diameter.*—Approximately 0.9 cm.

Individual flower:

*Flower size.*—Length: Approximately 6.3 cm. Width: Approximately 6.1 cm.

*Petal texture.*—All petals, glabrous, velvety with matte appearance.

Petals:

*Upper petals.*—Shape: Orbicular. Length: Approximately 3.5. Width: Approximately 4.2. Margin: Entire. Apex: Rounded. Color: When opening, upper surface: Near RHS Greyed-Purple 187B, with more purple tone. When opening, lower surface: Near RHS Purple 79A, with more red tone. Fully opened, upper surface: Near RHS Red 46A, with over bronze tonality, not identifiable by color chart. Fully opened, lower surface: Near RHS Greyed-Purple 187B with veins Violet 83C. Venation coloration becoming more prominent towards base.

*Lateral petals.*—Shape: Broadly reniform. Length: Approximately 3.5 cm. Width: Approximately 3.8 cm. Margin: Entire. Apex: Rounded. Color: When opening, upper surface: More red than 187A; blotch darker than 187A; vein Black 202A, more prominent at base. When opening, lower surface: More purple than 187A. Fully opened, upper surface: deeper and more bronzed than Red 46A; blotch 187B; vein a color between 200A and 202A, more prominent at base. Fully opened, lower surface: Near RHS Greyed-Orange 165A.

*Lower petal.*—Shape: Very broad obovate to orbicular. Length: Approximately 3.2 cm. Width: Approximately 4.4 cm. Margin: Entire. Apex: Rounded. Color: When opening, upper surface: More red than 187A; blotch Brown 200A; eye Yellow 9A. When opening, lower surface: Near RHS 187B, Green-Yellow 1C at base. Fully opened, upper surface: Deeper and more bronzed than 46A; blotch 187B; eye Yellow 14A. Fully opened, lower surface: Near RHS Greyed-Orange 177B.

Additional flower data:

*Spur on flower petal.*—Length: Approximately 0.6 cm. Width: Approximately 0.2 cm. Depth: Approximately 0.35 cm. Color: Near RHS Violet-Blue 93C, with more grey tone.

*Eye dimensions.*—Length: Approximately 0.6 cm. Width: Approximately 0.4 cm.

Sepals:

*Quantity.*—5.

*Arrangement.*—Whorled.

*Length.*—Approximately 2.2 cm.

*Width.*—Approximately 0.5 cm.

*Color.*—Near RHS Green 137C.

*Shape.*—Elliptic.

*Apex.*—Acute.

*Base*.—Obtuse.  
*Texture*.—Glabrous.  
 Peduncle:  
*Peduncle length*.—Approximately 17 cm.  
*Peduncle diameter*.—Approximately 0.3 cm.  
*Aspect*.—Upright with outward curve.  
*Color*.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 144A.  
*Texture*.—Glabrous.

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

*Stamen quantity*.—Approximately 5.  
*Filament length*.—Approximately 0.1 cm.  
*Anther length*.—Approximately 0.4 cm.  
*Anther color*.—Near RHS Yellow-White 158D, tip  
 Greyed-Orange 167B.  
*Pollen color*.—Near RHS Yellow 10C.  
*Pollen amount*.—Scant to moderate.  
*Pistil length*.—Approximately 0.7 cm.

*Style length*.—Approximately 0.2 cm.  
*Style color*.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 154D.  
*Stigma shape*.—Bulbous with concave depression on  
 uppermost portion.  
*Ovary color*.—Near RHS Yellow-Green 150D.  
*Stigma color*.—Near RHS Green 138B.

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

- 10 Disease resistance: Neither resistance nor susceptibility to diseases or pests has been observed in this variety.
- Temperature tolerance: Tolerates high temperature to at least 35° C. Tolerates low temperatures to -10° C.
- Fruit/seed production: Fruit and seed production not observed.
- 15 What is claimed is:
  1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Viola* plant named 'KERVIODEEP' as herein illustrated and described.

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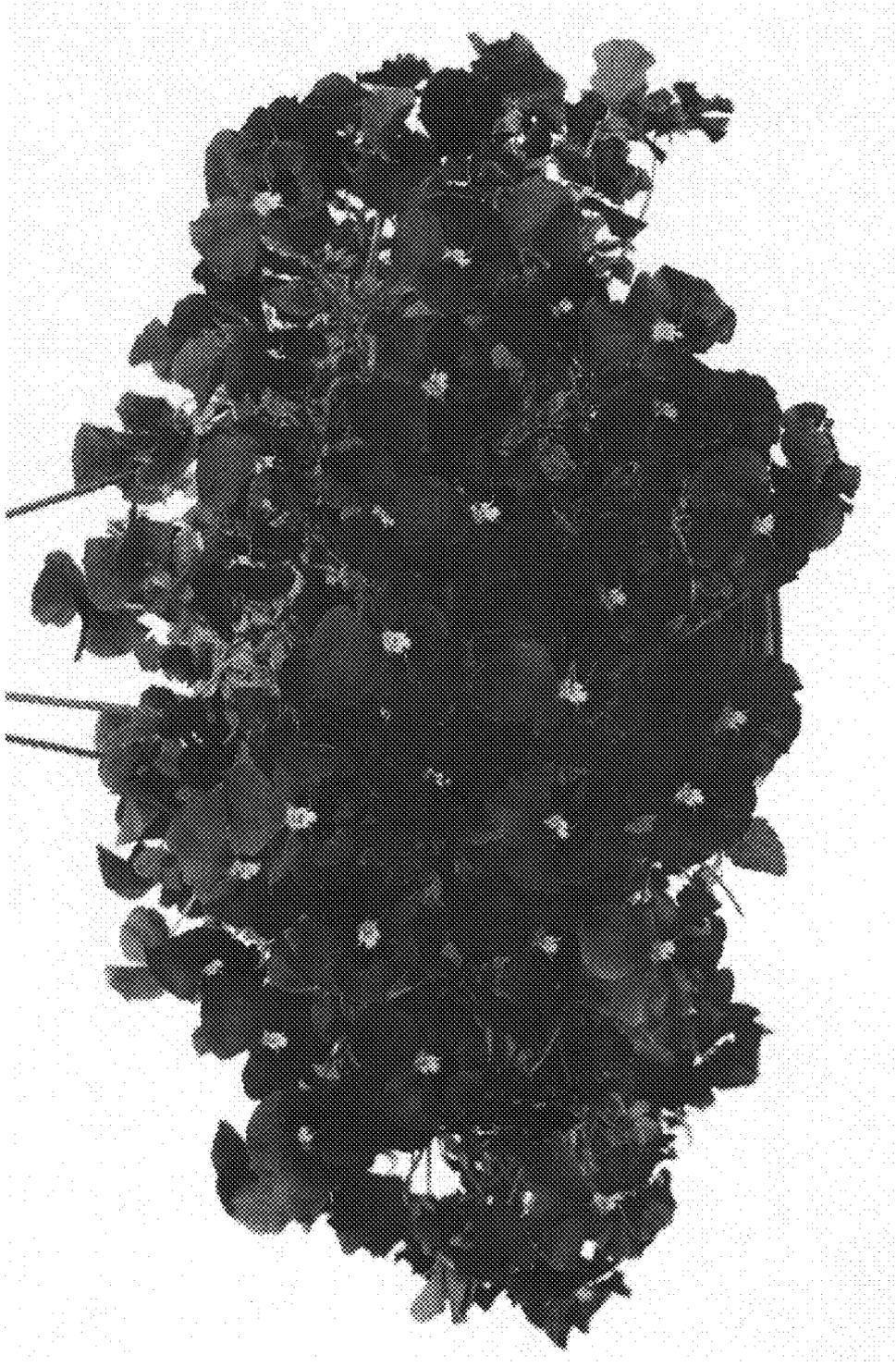


Fig. 1



Fig. 2