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(54) **VARIETY OF *CANNA* PLANT NAMED**
'LON01'

(50) Latin Name: *Canna hybrida*
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Canna* plant named 'LON01'
characterized by browned burgundy leaves tending to olive
green as the leaf ages.

2 Drawing Sheets

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BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT

The present invention comprises a new and distinct cultivar
of *Canna*, botanically known as *Canna hybrida* and further
known by the varietal name 'LON01' and the trade name
'Tropicanna Black.' The new variety was discovered through
a selective breeding program by Greg Goff at Av. Union
274-A, Col. Americana, Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico 44100.
The seedlings were selected on Aug. 21, 2001, and the new
variety is a product of open pollination. The pollination took
place in a group of *cannas* and 'LON01' was the resultant
seedling discovered in this population, where the seedling
was collected from the group of *Cannas* including 'Yellow
King Humbert' (unpatented), 'North Star Landscape Red'
(unpatented), 'Crimson Beauty' (unpatented), 'Rose Futu-
rity' (unpatented), 'President' (unpatented), and 'Angel Pink
Beauty' (unpatented). The new cultivar was selected from the
progeny by the inventor Greg Goff at Av. Union 274-A, Col.
Americana, Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico 44100.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The new variety is the result of a selective breeding pro-
gram taken from the breeder's collection of unique and inter-
esting seedlings in the Nursery at Av. Union 274-A, Col.
Americana, Guadalajara, Jalisco Mexico 44100 in the year
2001. These seedlings were selected and propagated through
rhizome divisions selecting for differences in color variation
of the interveinal striping.

The new cultivar has since been asexually reproduced by
rhizome divisions at Silvan, Victoria, Australia and has been
repeatedly asexually reproduced. Continued observations
from the vegetative divisions have confirmed that the distin-
guishing features of this new cultivar came true, remain stable
and are retained through successive propagation.

A comparative trial of the new cultivar with its closest
known variety 'Phasion', trade name "Tropicanna" was con-
ducted at Clyde, VIC, Australia in February 2006, in a garden
environment. The results of the comparative trial is provided
below:

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TABLE 1

<u>Comparison with Other Cultivars</u>		
	Flower Color	Leaf Color
'Phasion'	Orange	Variegated
'Rose Futurity'	Coral Pink	
'Crimson Beauty'	Red	Green
'North Star Landscape Red'	Cerise Red	Green
'Lon01'	Orange-Red	Burgundy

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The accompanying photographs illustrates the new culti-
var, the color being as nearly true as possible with color
photographs of this type, where
FIG. 1 depicts a six month old plant in a pot and
FIG. 2 is a close-up view of the flower.

**DETAINED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE
NEW PLANT**

The following detailed description sets forth characteris-
tics of the new cultivar at approximately six months. The data
which defines each characteristic was collected from the
comparative trial identified above, using R.H.S. color cards
issued in 1995.

THE PLANT

Classification:

Botanical.—*Canna hybrida*.

Commercial.—'LON01'.

Origin.—Selected seedling.

Propagation.—Rhizome division.

Form:

Type.—Dense, upright mass of stems topped by flower-
ing panicles, slowly expanding in width by rhizomes
beneath the soil surface.

Height.—Up to 1500 mm.

Width.—Up to 500 mm.

Growth rate and habit.—Flowers in first season from Summer to well into Autumn. Flower truss lasts approximately two weeks, each individual floret lasting two to three days.

Strength.—Free standing.

Stem:

Length.—180–200 cm.

Diameter.—28 mm at base.

Color.—RHS N186C.

Leaves:

Arranged.—Spirally.

Shape.—Lamina is large, broad, ovate and elliptic, with prominent venation with deep veins and long midrib.

Apex.—Acute.

Base descriptors.—Sheathed.

Length.—Mean 560 mm.

Width.—Mean 233 mm.

Margin.—Entire.

Texture.—Thick, smooth but with prominent rib structure, and somewhat waxy feel.

Color:

Upper.—The predominant leaf color is RHS 220A with a burgundy hue (on juvenile leaf); As leaf matures, it becomes more green, RHS 147A (closest available).

Lower.—The predominant leaf color is RHS 220A with a burgundy hue (on juvenile leaf); As leaf matures, it becomes more green, RHS 147A (closest available).

Venation.—Pinnate.

MATURE INFLORESCENCE

General:

Bud:

Shape.—Lanceolate — gladiolus like (elongated spikes).

Sepal:

Quantity.—3.

Apex.—Acute.

Margin descriptors.—Incurled, smooth.

Color.—Innerside is RHS 10B; secondary color is RHS N34A; outside is RHS N34A.

Length.—75 mm.

Width.—22 mm.

Form.—Resembles petal although completely rolled.

Petals: Time of flowering is first season from Summer to well into Autumn. The flower truss lasts approximately 2 weeks, each individual floret lasts 2–3 days.

Quantity.—5.

Shape.—Ovate.

Apex.—Rounded.

Base descriptors.—Cordate.

Margin descriptors.—Slight undulation.

Size.—Medium.

Arrangement.—Overlapping.

Length.—75–90 mm.

Width.—50–60 mm.

Roots:

Type.—Rhizomes.

Color.—Midzone outside — Red Orange Group RHS42B. Midzone inside — Red Orange Group RHS33B. Margin inside — Red Orange Group RHS33B.

Flowers:

Quantity.—15–30.

Size.—Floret medium.

Profile upper.—Flattened Concave.

Profile lower.—“V” shaped.

Color.—RHS 33A.

Floret:

Length.—Approximately 80 mm (fully open floret).

Width.—95–110 mm.

10 Pedicel:

Length.—Peduncle spike approximately 300 mm.

Diameter.—11 mm at widest point.

Color.—RHS 187B.

Fragrance: None detected

15 Persistence:

Disease resistance.—Very tolerant.

Lasting quality.—Regenerating.

Length of flowering period:

Med, long.—Medium.

20 Color midzone outside: 42B RHS

Color midzone inside: 33 B RHS

Color margin inside: 33B RHS

Color basal spot: Yellowish white

REPRODUCTIVE ORGANS

Stamens: Modified petal, 1 per floret, single, shape is lobed

Filaments:

Color.—light yellow to white.

30 Anther: Orange

Pistils:

Style.—Cream.

Shape.—Flattened lobed shaped blade of orange-red, length 70 mm.

35 *Quantity.*—1 per floret.

Seed vessel: Medium, tri-lobed, spiky anemone like

Size:

Color.—Predominantly RHS 187B; secondary RHS 138D.

40 Seed: Small, ball-shaped, attached to center pier, approximately 8 to vessel

Tolerances: Sensitive to frost

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

45 The varietal is characterized by large, broad leaves having undulations of margin that are strong in juvenile becoming weak with age. Reflexion of margin is absent, and venation is deeply indented. The predominant color is browned burgundy (RHS 187A), lateral venations are raised. The aspect is upright, as the leaves unfurl as they grow from the stalk. As the leaf ages, the browned burgundy tends to olive green (147A), with the color consistent on the lower and upper sides. For each growth spike, one to three umbels are present flowering first at the apex, second below first peduncle, and 50 third from a lower leaf axil. The varietal flowers in the first season from Summer to well into Autumn, where each flower lasts approximately two weeks and each floret lasts 2–3 days.

I claim:

60 1. A new and distinct variety of *Canna* plant, substantially as shown and described.

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FIG. 1



FIG. 2