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“ZAPRIMMA”

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Alstroemeria* plant named ‘Zaprimma’, characterized by its upright, somewhat outwardly spreading and mounded plant habit; vigorous growth habit; red-colored flowers; and good garden performance.

1 Drawing Sheet

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Botanical designation: *Alstroemeria hybrida*.
Cultivar denomination: ‘ZAPRIMMA’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of *Alstroemeria* plant, botanically known as *Alstroemeria hybrida*, commercially used as a garden-type *Alstroemeria* plant, and hereinafter referred to by the name ‘Zaprimma’.

The new *Alstroemeria* plant is a product of a planned breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands. The objective of the breeding program is to create new garden-type *Alstroemeria* cultivars with uniform plant habit, freely flowering habit, attractive foliage and flower coloration and excellent garden performance.

The new *Alstroemeria* plant originated from a cross-pollination made by the Inventor in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands in June, 2001, of a proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified as code number 88-1240-02, not patented, as the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified as code number 86-0746-02, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The new *Alstroemeria* 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 environment in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands in May, 2002.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Alstroemeria* plant by rhizome divisions in a controlled greenhouse environment in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands since September, 2002, has shown that the unique features of this new *Alstroemeria* plant are stable and reproduced true to type in successive generations.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* have not been observed under all possible environmental conditions. The phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environment and cultural practices such as temperature 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 ‘Zaprimma’.

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These characteristics in combination distinguish ‘Zaprimma’ as a new and distinct cultivar of *Alstroemeria*:

1. Upright, somewhat outwardly spreading and mounded plant habit.
2. Vigorous growth habit.
3. Red-colored flowers.
4. Good garden performance.

Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* differ primarily from plants of the female parent selection in flower color as plants of the female parent selection have purple-colored flowers.

Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* differ primarily from plants of the male parent selection in flower color as plants of the male parent selection have orange-colored flowers. In addition, plants of the new *Alstroemeria* are more compact than plants of the male parent selection.

Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* can be compared to plants of *Alstroemeria hybrida* ‘Staprioxa’, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 14,075. In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands, plants of the new *Alstroemeria* differed primarily from plants of ‘Staprioxa’ in flower color as plants of ‘Staprioxa’ had flowers that are red purple in color. In addition, plants of the new *Alstroemeria* are more compact than plants of ‘Staprioxa’.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH

The accompanying colored photograph illustrates the overall appearance of the new *Alstroemeria*, 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 *Alstroemeria*.

The photograph comprises a side perspective view of a typical flowering plant of ‘Zaprimma’ grown in a container.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph and following observations and measurements describe plants of the new *Alstroemeria* grown during the summer in 14-cm containers in a glass-covered greenhouse in Rijnsenhout, The Netherlands.

During the production of the plants, day temperatures ranged from 15° C. to 25° C. and night temperatures ranged from 10° C. to 15° C. Plants used for the photograph and description had been growing for six months. 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: *Alstroemeria hybrida* 'Zaprimma'.
Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—Proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified as code number 88-1240-02, not patented.

Male or pollen parent.—Proprietary *Alstroemeria hybrida* selection identified as code number 86-0746-02, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—By tissue culture.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.—About 40 days.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.—About 60 days.

Root description.—Fibrous, fleshy, thick; close to 155D in color.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; moderately dense.

Rhizomes.—Shape: Elongate; rounded. Length: About 10 cm to 30 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm to 10 mm. Texture: Smooth. Color: Close to 155D.

Plant description:

Plant and growth habit.—Upright, somewhat outwardly spreading and mounding plant habit; freely branching habit, bushy appearance; vigorous growth habit.

Plant height.—About 20 cm to 25 cm.

Plant diameter (spread).—About 25 cm.

Lateral branch description:

Aspect.—Mostly upright.

Length.—About 7 cm to 11 cm.

Diameter.—About 5 mm to 7 mm.

Internode length.—About 3 mm to 15 mm.

Strength.—Strong.

Texture.—Smooth, glabrous.

Color.—Close to 145B.

Foliage description:

Appearance.—Leaves asymmetrical; sessile.

Length.—About 5.6 cm to 8.5 cm.

Width.—About 1.5 cm to 2.6 cm.

Shape.—Lanceolate.

Apex.—Acute.

Base.—Attenuate.

Margin.—Entire; slightly undulate.

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

Venation pattern.—Parallel.

Color.—Developing and fully developed leaves, upper surface: Close to 147A; venation, close to 147A.

Developing and fully developed leaves, lower surface: Close to 137B; venation, close to 137B.

Flower description:

Flower type and habit.—Single cup-shaped flowers arranged in compound umbels; flowers face mostly outwardly; perianth segments separate; freely flowering habit.

Natural flowering season.—Flowering continuous during the spring in The Netherlands.

Fragrance.—None detected.

Flower longevity on the plant.—About four weeks; flowers not persistent.

Flower longevity as a cut flower.—About 12 to 16 days; flowers not persistent.

Flower buds.—Length: About 3.5 cm to 4 cm. Diameter: About 1.3 cm to 1.7 cm. Shape: Roughly ovoid. Color: Close to 59A.

Umbel height.—About 9 cm to 11 cm.

Umbel diameter.—About 11 cm to 13 cm.

Number of flowers per umbel.—Potentially, about 20.

Flower diameter.—About 5.5 cm to 6.5 cm.

Flower length (height).—About 5 cm to 6 cm.

Flower depth.—About 5.5 cm to 6 cm.

Perianth.—Arrangement: Six arranged in two whorls, each whorl with two lateral and one median segments. Outer perianth, lateral segments: Length: About 5 cm to 5.5 cm. Width: About 3 cm to 3.5 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Embedded pointed. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire; weakly undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, when opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 53C. Color, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 53C; at the apex and venation, faint greenish overtones. Outer perianth, median segment: Length: About 4.9 cm to 5.2 cm. Width: About 3.2 cm to 3.7 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Embedded pointed. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire; weakly undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, when opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 53C. Color, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 53C; at the apex and venation, faint greenish overtones. Inner perianth, lateral segments: Length: About 4.8 cm to 5.6 cm. Width: About 2.1 cm to 2.3 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Wishbone-shaped. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire; undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, when opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 53C; central blotch (if present), close to 15B; stripes, close to 183A. Color, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 53C; central blotch (if present), close to 15B; venation, greenish overtones. Inner perianth, median segment: Length: About 4.5 cm to 5 cm. Width: About 1.8 cm to 2.3 cm. Shape: Obovate. Apex: Wishbone-shaped. Base: Attenuate. Margin: Entire; undulate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, when opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 53C; stripes, close to 183A. Color, when opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 53C; venation, greenish overtones.

Peduncles.—Length: About 1.5 to 2.5 cm. Diameter: About 2 mm to 3 mm. Strength: Strong. Angle: Erect to about 20° from vertical. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 145B.

Reproductive organs.—Stamens: Quantity per flower: Six. Anther shape: Elliptical. Anther size: About 5 mm by 8 mm. Anther color: Close to 176A. Pollen amount: None observed. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Style length: About 2.5 cm to 4 cm. Style color: Close to 63A. Stigma shape: Three-parted. Stigma color: Close to 63A. Ovary color: Close to 146C.

Fruit/seed.—Fruit and seed development has not been observed.

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

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Alstroemeria* have been observed to have good garden performance and to tolerate wind, rain and temperatures from about -5° C. to about 40° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Alstroemeria* plant named 'Zaprimma' as illustrated and described.

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