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(54) **NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS PLANT NAMED**  
**‘Dongiwilromwhi24’**

(50) Latin Name: *Impatiens hawkeri*  
Varietal Denomination: **Dongiwilromwhi24**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct cultivar of *Impatiens* plant named  
‘Dongiwilromwhi24’ characterized by its upright to out-  
wardly spreading and mounding plant habit; moderately  
vigorous growth habit and moderately rapid growth rate;  
freely branching habit; dense and full appearance; dark  
green-colored leaves; freely and early flowering habit;  
double type flowers that are white in color; and good garden  
performance.

**1 Drawing Sheet**

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Botanical designation: *Impatiens hawkeri*.  
Cultivar denomination: ‘DONGIWILROMWHI24’.

**STATEMENT REGARDING PRIOR  
DISCLOSURES BY INVENTOR &  
APPLICANT/ASSIGNEE**

The Inventor and Applicant/Assignee assert that no sales,  
offers for sale or public distribution of the instant plant  
occurred more than one year prior to the effective filing date  
of this application. Any information about the claimed plant  
would have been obtained from a direct or indirect disclo-  
sure from the Inventor and/or Applicant/Assignee. Inventor  
and Applicant/Assignee claim a prior art exception under 35  
U.S.C. 102(b)(1) for disclosures and/or sales prior to the  
filing date but less than one year prior to the effective filing  
date.

**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  
‘Dongiwilromwhi24’.

The new *Impatiens* plant is a product of a planned  
breeding program conducted by the Inventor in Koka, Ethio-  
pia and Encinitas, California. The objective of the breeding  
program is to create new freely-branching, early and freely  
flowering New Guinea *Impatiens* plants with large attractive  
flowers and good garden performance.

The new *Impatiens* plant originated from a cross-pollina-  
tion made by the Inventor in October 2019 in Encinitas,  
California of a proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri*  
identified as code number NN17-595577-001, not patented,  
as the female, or seed, parent with a proprietary selection of  
*Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number NN16-  
610610-007, not patented, as the male, or pollen, parent. The

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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  
environment in Encinitas, California in June 2020.

5 Asexual reproduction of the new *Impatiens* plant by  
terminal vegetative cuttings in a controlled greenhouse  
environment in Encinitas, California since July 2020 has  
shown that the unique features of this new *Impatiens* plant  
are stable and reproduced true to type in successive genera-  
10 tions.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

15 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.

20 The following traits have been repeatedly observed and  
are determined to be the unique characteristics of  
‘Dongiwilromwhi24’. These characteristics in combination  
distinguish ‘Dongiwilromwhi24’ as a new and distinct *Impa-  
tiens* plant:

- 25 1. Upright to outwardly spreading and mounding plant  
habit.
- 2. Moderately vigorous growth habit and moderately  
rapid growth rate.
- 3. Freely branching habit; dense and full appearance.
- 30 4. Dark green-colored leaves.
- 5. Freely and early flowering habit.
- 6. Double type flowers that are white in color.
- 7. Good garden performance.

35 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  
the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Impatiens* are more compact, more mounding and denser than plants of the female parent selection.
2. Leaves of plants of the new *Impatiens* are darker green in color than leaves of plants of the female parent selection.
3. Flowers of plants of the new *Impatiens* are white in color whereas flowers of plants of the female parent selection are light pink in color.

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 the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Impatiens* are more compact, more mounding and denser than plants of the male parent selection.
2. Plants of the new *Impatiens* have larger flower than plants of the male parent selection.
3. Flowers of plants of the new *Impatiens* are white in color whereas flowers of plants of the male parent selection are light coral in color.

Plants of the new *Impatiens* can be compared to plants of *Impatiens hawkeri* 'Dongiwioblupi 20', disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 33,669. In side-by-side comparisons, plants of the new *Impatiens* differ primarily from plants of 'Dongiwioblupi 20' in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Impatiens* have smaller leaves than plants of 'Dongiwioblupi 20'.
2. Plants of the new *Impatiens* flower earlier and more freely than plants of 'Dongiwioblupi 20'.
3. Plants of the new *Impatiens* have larger flowers than plants of 'Dongiwioblupi 20'.
4. Flowers of plants of the new *Impatiens* are white in color whereas flowers of plants of 'Dongiwioblupi 20' are blush pink in color.

#### 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 is a top perspective view of a typical flowering plant of 'Dongiwilromwhi24' grown in a container.

#### DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photograph and following observations, measurements and values describe plants grown during the summer in 17-cm containers in a polyethylene-covered greenhouse in Puerto Lumbreras, Murcia, Spain and under cultural practices typical of commercial New Guinea *Impatiens* production. During the production of the plants, day temperatures averaged 30° C., night temperatures averaged 22° C. and light levels averaged 650/m<sup>2</sup>/hour. Plants were three months old when the photograph was taken and five months old when the description was taken. In the following description, color references are made to The Royal Horticultural Society Colour Chart, Second Edition, except where general terms of ordinary dictionary significance are used.

Botanical classification: *Impatiens hawkeri* 'Dongiwilromwhi24'.

Parentage:

*Female, or seed, parent.*—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number NN17-595577-001, not patented.

*Male, or pollen, parent.*—Proprietary selection of *Impatiens hawkeri* identified as code number NN16-610610-007, not patented.

Propagation:

*Type.*—By terminal vegetative cuttings.

*Time to initiate roots, summer.*—About 14 days at temperatures about 20° C.

*Time to initiate roots, winter.*—About 17 days at temperatures about 20° C.

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

*Time to produce a rooted young plant, winter.*—About 30 days at temperatures about 20° C.

*Root description.*—Medium in thickness, fibrous; typically white in color, actual color of the roots is dependent on substrate composition, water quality, fertilizers, substrate temperature and age of roots.

*Rooting habit.*—Moderately freely branching; medium density.

Plant description:

*Plant and growth habit.*—Upright to outwardly spreading and mounding plant habit; broad inverted triangle in overall shape; freely branching habit with lateral branches potentially developing at every node; dense and full appearance; moderately vigorous growth habit and moderate growth rate.

*Plant height.*—About 12 cm.

*Plant diameter.*—About 27 cm.

Lateral branch description:

*Length.*—About 6 cm.

*Diameter.*—About 6 mm.

*Internode length.*—About 3 cm.

*Strength.*—Moderately strong; flexible.

*Aspect.*—Initially upright to outwardly spreading.

*Texture and luster.*—Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy.

*Color, developing.*—Close to 144A.

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Leaf description:

*Arrangement.*—Typically alternate or in whorls; simple.

*Length.*—About 6.5 cm.

*Width.*—About 2.9 cm.

*Shape.*—Elliptic.

*Apex.*—Apiculate.

*Base.*—Obtuse.

*Margin.*—Serrate with ciliation.

*Texture and luster, upper surface.*—Smooth, glabrous; leathery; matte.

*Texture and luster, lower surface.*—Smooth, glabrous; leathery; semi-glossy.

*Venation pattern.*—Pinnate; arcuate.

*Color.*—Developing and fully expanded leaves, upper surface: Close to 137A; venation, close to 147B.

Developing and fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 138A; venation, close to 145B.

*Petiole length.*—About 2 cm.

*Petiole diameter.*—About 3 mm.

*Petiole texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces.*—Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy.

*Petiole color, upper and lower surfaces.*—Close to 145B.

Flower description:

*Flower type and flowering habit.*—Double-type, rounded axillary flowers; freely flowering habit, typically about two to three flower buds and open flowers per lateral branch and about 60 flowers developing per plant during the flowering season; flowers positioned above and beyond the foliar plane, flowers typically face upright to outwardly.

*Flower longevity.*—Flowers typically last about four to seven 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 Spain; early flowering habit, plants typically begin flowering about eight weeks after planting.

*Flower buds.*—Length: About 1 cm. Diameter: About 1 cm. Shape: Ovoid. Texture and luster: Smooth, glabrous; slightly glossy. Color: Close to 145C.

*Flower diameter.*—About 6 cm by 6.5 cm.

*Petals.*—Quantity and arrangement: Ten per flower in two whorls. Length: About 5 cm. Width: About 4 cm. Shape: Obcordate. Apex: Obtuse, rounded. Base: Cuneate. Margin: Entire; not undulate. Texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; slightly glossy; iridescent. Color: When opening and fully opened, upper surface: Close to 155D; venation, close to 155D; color does not change with subsequent development. When opening and fully opened, lower surface: Close to 155D; venation, close to 155D; color does not change with subsequent development.

*Sepals.*—Quantity and arrangement: Three in a single whorl; one modified into an elongated spur. Length:

About 1.5 cm. Width: About 6 mm. Shape: Ovate. Apex: Acuminate. Base: Obtuse. Margin: Entire. Sepal texture and luster, upper and lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous; slightly glossy. Color, upper and lower surfaces: Close to 145C. Spur length: About 4 cm. Spur diameter: About 1 mm. Spur shape: Acicular. Spur texture and luster: Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Spur color: Close to 145C.

*Peduncles.*—Length: About 6 cm. Diameter: About 3 mm. Angle: About 45° from stem axis. Strength: Moderately strong; flexible. Texture and luster: Smooth, glabrous; semi-glossy. Color: Close to 145C.

*Reproductive organs.*—Stamens: Quantity: Five fused at anthers; filaments free. Anther size: About 1 mm by 5 mm. Anther shape: Oblong. Anther color: Close to 155B. Pollen amount: Abundant. Pollen color: Close to 160D. Pistils: Quantity per flower: One. Pistil length: About 5 mm. Stigma diameter: About 1 mm. Stigma shape: Lobed. Stigma color: Close to 145D. Style length: About 4 mm. Style color: Close to 145A. Ovary color: Close to 144A.

*Seeds and fruits.*—To date, seed and fruit production has not been observed on plants of the new *Impatiens*.

Pathogen & pest resistance: To date, 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 45° C.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Impatiens* plant named 'Dongiwilromwhi24' as illustrated and described herein.

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