This application is co-pending with another application entitled Antirrhinum Plant named ‘Yahiti’, having the same inventor as the present invention, and is related to the following previously filed applications entitled Antirrhinum Plants Named ‘Yahbul’ (Ser. No. 09/520,231), ‘Yarprim’ (Ser. No. 09/520,227), ‘Yapeep’ (Ser. No. 09/520,230), ‘Yarob’ (Ser. No. 09/520,228), and ‘Yali’ (Ser. No. 09/520,229), ‘Yahbul’, ‘Yarprim’, ‘Yapeep’, ‘Yarob’, and ‘Yali’ are all patent pending and were all filed on the same date that of Mar. 7, 2000.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a new and distinct cultivar of Snapdragon, known botanically as an Antirrhinum of hybrid origin and referred to hereinafter by the cultivar name ‘Yapear’.

The New Snapdragon was selected by the inventor from his breeding program in a cultivated area of Congleton, Cheshire, England. The objective of the program is to select new cultivars of Snapdragons that have a trailing growth habit with an outward presentation of the flowers in a range of flower colors. Seedlings were first crossed in the summer of 1997 by the inventor in Congleton, Cheshire, England. The parents are unintroducted Antirrhinums of hybrid origin from the inventors breeding program. ‘Yahiti’ originated from a seed bed containing open pollinated hybrids of Antirrhinum glutinosum×majus (not patented) and Antirrhinum braun-blanquetii (not patented). The exact parents are unknown. The hybrid seedling ‘Yapear’ was selected by the inventor in May 1998.

The following characteristics are unique and distinguish the new invention from all other varieties. ‘Yapear’ has a compact form, exhibiting numerous clear-white flowers with an outward aspect and large consistently sized leaves. The closest comparison plants are Antirrhinum ‘Avalanche’ (not patented) and Antirrhinum ‘Lawhi’ (U.S. Patent No. 10,006). Compared to ‘Avalanche’, ‘Yaper’ is more compact with more flowers per flowering spike, more white in the flower color, and slightly larger, more evenly shaped leaves. ‘Yapear’ differs from ‘Lawhi’ by exhibiting a cascading habit with all flowers facing outward.

A new cultivar of Antirrhinum named ‘Yapear’ that is characterized by a compact habit, profuse clear-white outward facing flowers, and large consistently sized leaves.
Botanical classification: *Antirrhinum glutinosum x majus* ‘Yapear’.

Parentage:
Seed parent: Unknown Antirrhinum hybrid.
Pollen parent: Unknown Antirrhinum hybrid.

Common name: Snapdragon.

Use: Hanging basket or patio plant.

Parentage: Both parents are unintroduced Antirrhinum hybrids from the inventors breeding program.

Propagation: Tip cuttings.

Growing conditions: Grow cuttings, and young plants cool, at approximately 8–12 degrees Centigrade, and pinch before main growth starts.

Type: Vegetatively propagated annual.

Branching habit: Freely branching.

Root system: Fibrous.

Time to initiate roots: 10 days at 20 degrees Celsius.

Height and width: 30–35 cm high and 35–40 cm wide.

Diseases and pests: Potential for fungal disease of roots.

Special needs: Benefits from incorporated fungicide to prevent root disease.

Plant habit: Cascading.

Seasonal interest: Spring, summer and fall floral display.

Hardiness: –10 degrees Centigrade.

Stem sheath: Cylindrical.

Stem color: 138B.

Stem size: 20 cm in length by 2 mm in diameter.

Internode length: 1.5 ± 2.5 cm between nodes.

Stem surface: Woolly and tomentose.

Stem texture: Flexible and velvety.

Foliage:

*Leaf arrangement.*—Opposite.

*Leaf division.*—Simple.

*Shape.*—Oval.

*Base.*—Attenuate.

*Apex.*— Rounded.

*Venation.*—Prominent mid-vein.

*Vein color (upper surface).*—138B.

*Vein color (lower surface).*—137C.

*Margins.*—Entire.

*Leaf surface (upper).*—Heavily tomentose and woolly.

*Leaf surface (lower).*—Heavily tomentose and woolly.

*Leaf color (upper surface).*—139A.

*Leaf color (lower surface).*—137B.

*Length.*—1.5 cm long.

*Width.*—1 cm wide.

*Petiole length.*—6 mm long.

*Petiole width.*—1 mm wide.

*Petiole color.*—138B.

Flower buds:

*Bud dimension.*—1.5 cm in length, 1.0 cm in width.

*Bud color.*—145D.

Flower:

*Type.*—Racemiform with leafy terminal racemes.

*Form.*—Bilabiate.

*Symmetry.*—Zygomorphic.

*Margins.*—Entire.

*Texture.*—Glabrous.

*Flower color (opening).*—145C, D.

*Unique markings (mature flower).*—Subtle purple-violet veins on upper petal and corolla tube.

*Vein color (mature flower).*—80A.

*Overall color of anterior lobe or lower petal (mature flower).*—155D.

*Overall color of banner or upper petal (mature flower).*—155D.

*Petal color (mature flower).*—155C.

*Overall color of corolla tube (mature flower).*—155D.

*Fragrance.*—Faint perfume scent.

*Flowering season.*—Spring, summer and fall.

*Time to produce flowers.*—12 to 16 weeks.

*Flowering time.*—Diurnal.

*Lustlessness.*—7 to 10 days.

*Aspect.*—Flowers facing outward.

*Height.*—2.5 cm high.

*Length.*—2.8 cm long.

*Peduncle length.*—5 cm long.

*Peduncle width.*—2 mm in diameter.

*Petal number.*—Two petals.

*Petal length.*—2.5 cm long.

*Petal width.*—1.5 cm wide.

*Fused or unfused.*—Petals are fused.

*Petal surface.*—Glabrous.

*Calyx size.*—75 cm long and 0.2 cm wide.

*Number of sepals.*—4—5 petaloids with five sepals.

*Sepal color.*—137–138D.

*Sepal surface.*—Stipitate glandular.

*Reproductive organs:*

*Stamens.*—4.

*Stamen dimensions.*—2.5 cm in length, 1 mm in width.

*Anther attachment.*—Dorastixed.

*Anther dimensions.*—2 mm in length, 1 mm in width.

*Anther color.*—13A

*Pollen color.*—145A.

*Pollen amount.*—Moderate.

*Staminode.*—1.

*Pistil.*—1.

*Pistil dimensions.*—15 mm in length, 1 mm in width.

*Pistil color.*—155B.

*Style dimensions.*—3 mm in length, 1 mm in width.

*Style color.*—145A.

*Stigma dimensions.*—3 mm in length, 3 mm in width.

*Stigma color.*—144B.

*Ovary shape.*—Globose.

*Ovary position.*—Superior.

*Ovary dimensions.*—3 mm in length, 3 mm in width.

*Ovary color.*—145A.

*Seed:*

*Seed shape.*—Ovoid.

*Seed dimensions.*—1.5 mm in length, 0.75 mm in width.

*Seed color.*—Black.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of Antirrhinum plant named ‘Yapear’ as described and illustrated.

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