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(54) ***ILEX* PLANT NAMED ‘FARROWSK6’**

(50) Latin Name: ***Ilex crenata***
Varietal Denomination: **FarrowSK6**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new and distinct *Ilex* plant named ‘FarrowSK6’, character-
ized by its upright and narrowly pyramidal plant habit; freely
branching habit; dense and bushy growth habit; small, glossy
dark green-colored leaves; and good garden performance.

2 Drawing Sheets

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Botanical designation: *Ilex crenata*.
Cultivar denomination: ‘FarrowSK6’.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present Invention relates to a new and distinct *Ilex*
plant, botanically known as *Ilex crenata* and hereinafter
referred to by the name ‘FarrowSK6’.

The new *Ilex* plant originated from an open-pollination
during the spring of 1999 of *Ilex crenata* ‘Sky Pencil’, not
patented, as the female, or seed, parent with an unknown
selection of *Ilex crenata*, as the male, or pollen, parent. The
new *Ilex* plant was discovered and selected by the Inventor
during the summer of 2002 as a single plant within the prog-
eny of the stated open-pollination in a controlled environment
in Earleville, Md.

Asexual reproduction of the new *Ilex* plant by hardwood
cuttings in Earleville, Md. since the autumn of 2002 has
shown that the unique features of the new *Ilex* plant are stable
and reproduced true to type in successive generations of
asexual reproduction.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Plants of the new *Ilex* have not been observed under all
possible environmental conditions and cultural practices. The
phenotype may vary somewhat with variations in environ-
mental conditions 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 ‘FarrowSK6’. These character-
istics in combination distinguish ‘FarrowSK6’ as a new and
distinct *Ilex* plant:

1. Upright and narrowly pyramidal plant habit.
2. Freely branching habit; dense and bushy growth habit.
3. Small, glossy dark green-colored leaves.
4. Good garden performance.

Plants of the new *Ilex* differ from plants of the female
parent, ‘Sky Pencil’, in the following characteristics:

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1. Plants of the new *Ilex* are more pyramidal than and not as
columnar as plants of ‘Sky Pencil’.
2. Plants of the new *Ilex* have smaller and darker green-
colored leaves than plants of ‘Sky Pencil’.

Plants of the new *Ilex* can be compared to the plants of *Ilex*
crenata ‘Farrowone’, disclosed in U.S. Plant Pat. No. 20,049.
In side-by-side comparisons conducted in Grand Haven,
Mich., plants of the new *Ilex* differed from plants of ‘Farrow-
one’ in the following characteristics:

1. Plants of the new *Ilex* were narrower than plants of
‘Farrowone’.
2. Plants of the new *Ilex* were more freely branching than
plants of ‘Farrowone’.
3. Plants of the new *Ilex* had smaller and darker green-
colored leaves than plants of ‘Farrowone’.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

The accompanying colored photographs illustrate the over-
all appearance of the new *Ilex* plant. The photographs show
the colors as true as it is reasonably possible to obtain in
colored reproductions of this type. Colors in the photographs
may differ slightly from the color values cited in the detailed
botanical description, which accurately describe the colors of
the new *Ilex* plant.

The photograph on the first sheet is a side perspective view
of a typical plant of ‘FarrowSK6’.

The photograph on the second sheet is a close-up view of
typical stems and leaves of ‘FarrowSK6’.

DETAILED BOTANICAL DESCRIPTION

The aforementioned photographs and following observa-
tions and measurements describe plants grown during the
spring and summer in three-gallon containers in an outdoor
nursery in Grand Haven, Mich. and under cultural practices
typical of commercial production. Plants were four years old
when the photographs and detailed description were taken. 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: *Ilex crenata* 'FarrowSK6'.

Parentage:

Female, or seed, parent.—*Ilex crenata* 'Sky Pencil', not patented. 5

Male, or pollen, parent.—Unknown selection of *Ilex crenata*, not patented.

Propagation:

Type.—By hardwood cuttings. 10

Time to initiate roots, winter.—About 40 days at temperatures of 20° C.

Time to produce a rooted young plant, summer.—About four months at temperatures of 20° C. 15

Root description.—Fine, fibrous.

Rooting habit.—Freely branching; dense.

Plant description:

Plant and growth habit.—Perennial shrub; upright and narrowly pyramidal plant habit; vigorous growth habit. 20

Branching habit.—Freely branching habit; dense and bushy growth habit with numerous lateral branches developing per plant.

Plant height.—About 150 cm. 25

Plant diameter, area of spread.—About 30 cm.

Lateral branch description.—Length: About 19 cm.

Diameter: About 2.5 mm. Internode length: About 4 mm. Strength: Strong. Texture: Smooth, glabrous. Color: Close to 146A. 30

Leaf description.—Arrangement: Alternate, simple.

Length: About 1.5 cm. Width: About 7 mm. Shape:

Elliptical. Apex: Obtuse. Base: Obtuse. Margin:

Mostly entire to slightly crenate. Venation pattern:

Pinnate. Texture, upper and lower surfaces: Rugose,

glabrous; glossy. Color: Developing leaves, upper

surface: Close to 146B. Developing leaves, lower sur-

face: Close to 146C. Fully expanded leaves, upper

surface: Close to 147A; venation, close to 147A.

Fully expanded leaves, lower surface: Close to 147B;

venation, close to 147B. Petioles: Length: About 2

mm. Diameter: About 0.75 mm. Texture, upper and

lower surfaces: Smooth, glabrous. Color, upper and

lower surfaces: Close to 146B.

Flower description: Flower initiation and development has not been observed on plants of the new *Ilex*.

Garden performance: Plants of the new *Ilex* have been observed to have good garden performance and to be tolerant to rain, wind and temperatures ranging from about -20° C. to about 30° C.

Pathogen & pest resistance: Plants have not been observed to be resistant to pathogens and pests common to *Ilex*.

It is claimed:

1. A new and distinct *Ilex* plant named 'FarrowSK6' as illustrated and described.

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