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(54) **BUDDLEIA PLANT NAMED ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’**

(50) Latin Name: *Buddleia x hybrida (Buddleia davidii x B. crispa x B. alternifolia x B. lindleyana)*

Varietal Denomination: **PODARASNGA 9-15**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A new *Buddleia* plant particularly distinguished by contrasting white eye surrounded by dark purple flowers, a small statured plant that is wider than tall, large and dense panicles and continuous blooming, is disclosed.

**5 Drawing Sheets**

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Genus and species: *Buddleia x hybrida (Buddleia davidii x B. crispa x B. alternifolia x B. lindleyana)*.

Variety denomination: ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’.

**BACKGROUND OF THE NEW PLANT**

The present invention relates to a new and distinct variety of *Buddleia* hereinafter referred to by the variety name ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’.

‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ arose from a deliberate cross between two un-named, proprietary and unpatented *Buddleia* seedlings in Salem, Oreg. Seeds from the cross were sown in April 2014 in Salem Oreg. and further grown in Tipp City, Ohio. ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ was selected in July 2017 in Tipp City, Ohio from the seedling population.

‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ was first asexually propagated in August 2017 in Tipp City, Ohio by softwood cuttings. ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ was found to reproduce true to type in successive generations of asexual propagation via softwood cuttings.

**SUMMARY**

The following are the most outstanding and distinguishing characteristics of this new variety when grown under normal horticultural practices in Boring, Oreg. and Tipp City, Ohio.

- 1. Contrasting white eye surrounded by dark purple flowers;
- 2. Small statured plant that is wider than tall;

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- 3. Large and dense panicles; and
- 4. Continuous blooming.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS**

5 This new *Buddleia* plant is illustrated by the accompanying photographs which shows the plant’s overall plant habit including form, inflorescence, and foliage. The photographs are of a 5-month-old plant taken in September 2022 and grown outdoors in Boring, Oreg. The colors shown are as true as can be reasonably obtained by conventional photographic procedures.

10 FIG. 1 shows the overall plant habit.  
FIG. 2 shows the upper surface of multiple flowering stems of ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ at different stages of flowering.

15 FIG. 3 shows the lower surface of FIG. 2.  
FIG. 4 shows the upper surface of another multiple flowering stem of ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ at different stages of flowering.

20 FIG. 5 shows the lower surface of FIG. 4.  
FIG. 6 shows the upper surface of an individual flowering stem of ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’ at bud stage.

25 FIG. 7 shows the lower surface of FIG. 6.  
FIG. 8 shows the upper surface of individual leaves of ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’.

FIG. 9 shows the lower surface of the leaves of FIG. 8.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW VARIETY**

30 The following detailed descriptions set for the distinctive characteristics of ‘PODARASNGA 9-15’. Measurements were taken from a 5-month-old plant, potted in a 3-gallon container and grown outdoors under irrigation. Color refer-

ences are to The R.H.S. Colour Chart of The Royal Horticultural Society of London (R.H.S.) 2001, Fourth Edition. Classification:

*Family*.—Scrophulariaceae.

*Botanical*.—*Buddleia* x *hybrida* (*Buddleia davidii* x *B. crispa* x *B. alternifolia* x *B. lindleyana*).

*Designation*.—‘PODARASNGA 9-15’.

Plant:

*Type and habit*.—Deciduous shrub with a compact and mounding growth habit; has a profuse number of flowers at each branch terminus; readily produces branches at each node; has horizontal branches with vertical secondary branches terminating in an inflorescence.

*Form*.—Oval, horizontal and low to the ground.

*Height (at crown and measured from the top of the soil)*.—30.0 cm.

*Width (horizontal plant diameter)*.—130 cm.

*Time to produce a finished plant*.—To produce a 4-inch plant: 5 to 6 weeks from cuttings. To produce a 1-gallon pot: 8 to 10 weeks.

*Outdoor plant performance*.—Excellent in average soil structure with full sun; average fertility and water usage.

*Natural flowering season*.—At least 4 weeks before *B. davidii* and continuing up to a hard frost.

*Time to initiate and develop roots*.—7 to 10 days using 3,000 to 4,000 ppm IBA (indolebutyric acid) for tougher plant material or 2,000 ppm IBA for softer plant material.

*Root description and habit*.—Dense and fibrous; roots are RHS 18D.

*Propagation type*.—Softwood cuttings.

*Hardiness*.—Hardy to USDA Zone 6, possibly hardy in USDA Zone 5b; pruning is not recommended after August.

Lateral branches:

*General*.—Young branches are cubic and are 4-sided, while mature branches are rounded.

*Quantity per plant*.—About 10 primary branches.

*Length*.—41.0 cm to 52.0 cm for primary branches and 12 cm to 22 cm for secondary branches.

*Internode length*.—About 0.4 cm.

*Diameter, for all branches*.—About 0.5 cm; from mid-point, about 0.25 cm.

*Color*.—Inner and older branches not exposed to the sun form a splotchy band of RHS 199A and RHS N200A; outer younger branches exposed to sun are RHS N186A and inner younger branches not exposed to the sun are RHS 191A.

*Angle of branch attachment*.—About 180 degrees for primary branches and about 90 degrees for secondary branches which are pliable.

*Texture*.—Primary branches are rough due to a developing thin bark and secondary branches are soft due to being floccose.

*Strength*.—Mature branches are pliable.

*Anthocyanin*.—RHS N186A.

Leaves:

*Leaf arrangement and quantity*.—135 to 200 per branch; opposite; about 5 pairs of leaves on the primary branches; about 4 pairs of leaves on the secondary and tertiary branches.

*Length*.—2.5 nearest to flower panicles and 8 cm at base of plant.

*Width*.—1 cm to 3 cm.

*Shape*.—Ovate.

*Apex*.—Apiculate.

*Base*.—Shortly attenuate.

*Margin*.—Broadly serrate and each point of the margin comes to a rounded point.

*Texture*.—Upper surface: Rugose with stellate hairs; glandular RHS N155A bodies are present. Lower surface: Thickly floccose; glandular RHS N155A bodies are found under the hairs.

*Color, immature*.—Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 195A.

*Color, mature*.—Upper surface: RHS 137A. Lower surface: RHS 194A.

*Venation pattern*.—Pinnate with RHS 155A papillate glands on the veins.

*Venation color*.—Upper surface: RHS 196C. Lower surface: RHS 194A.

*Petiole*.—Length: 0.9 cm. Diameter: 0.19 cm. Texture: Strongly floccose. Color: RHS 196C.

Inflorescence (panicle):

*Appearance*.—Panicles are lanceolate-conical to oval-conical in shape; terminal flowers are in fours, with an additional flower at the left-side node; additionally, a fifth or sixth flower may be found.

*Height*.—Of primary inflorescence/panicle: Between about 12.5 cm to 15.0 cm. Of three axillary inflorescence/panicles: Between about 7.0 cm to 9 cm. Of one axillary inflorescence/panicle: 1.5 cm to 6.0 cm.

*Width (of all panicles)*.—2.0 cm when the flowers are not fully open to about 3.0 cm when the flowers are fully open.

*Bud*.—General: Buds begin as a bud cluster and are RHS 145A with RHS N92A at the tip and as the buds mature, they become individualized and enlarge; the length of the bud cluster is 1.0 cm and the width of the bud cluster is 0.4 cm. Shape: Strongly conical. Texture: Floccose. Length: 2.0 cm. Width: 0.5 cm. Color: Mainly RHS 141B with RHS N92A.

*Flower*.—Type and habit: Single and salverform flowers arranged in compound terminal panicles which are conical in shape; flowers face upright and outward. Fragrance: Very fragrant. Lastingness of flowers on the plant: 7 to 10 days. Quantity of flowers per inflorescence (panicle): About 1006. Depth: 2.0 cm. Diameter: 1.0 cm.

*Petals*.—Arrangement: Four, sometimes five or six, partially cupped petals arranged in a single whorl with the petals fused to form a tube. Shape: Square. Apex: Partially cupped. Base: Fused. Margin: Crenulate. Texture (both upper and lower surfaces): Very few hairs and small RHS N115A glandular bodies sprinkled on petals. Length: 0.4 cm. Width: 0.4 cm. Color, immature (both upper and lower surfaces): RHS N92B. Color, mature: Upper surface: RHS N89B. Lower surface: RHS 83A.

*Eye color*.—RHS 155B: between the petals and top of the corolla tube.

*Corolla tube*.—Length: 0.9 cm. Width: 0.1 cm. Color: Inner surface: RHS 163B. Outer surface: RHS 83A mainly to RHS 77A with RHS 14B near the sepal. Texture: Inner surface: Smooth except for spines present that are 0.015 cm in length. Outer surface: Papillate with white glandular bodies and a few hairs.

*Calyx*.—Arrangement and quantity per flower: Four sepals arranged in a single whorl and fused at the base. Sepals: Shape: Cup-shaped. Apex: Lobed. Base: Fused. Margin: Entire. Length: 0.3 cm. Width: 0.1 cm. Texture: Upper surface: Floccose with white glandular bodies. Lower surface: Smooth. Color: Upper surface: RHS N92B. Lower surface: 141B.

*Peduncle*.—Shape: Square. Length: 2.0 cm to 4.0 cm. Diameter: 0.2 cm. Strength: Flexible and strong. Color: RHS N186A exposed to the sun and RHS 191A when not exposed to the sun. Texture: Floccose.

*Pedicel*.—Length: 0.3 cm. Diameter: 0.1 cm. Color: RHS 141B. Texture: Floccose.

Reproductive organs:

*Stamens*.—Quantity per flower: 4. Filament: General: Completely fused to corolla tube. Anther: Length: 1.0 cm. Color: RHS 155C. Pollen amount: Moderate. Pollen color: RHS 155C.

*Pistil*.—Quantity per flower: 1. Length: 0.4 cm. Stigma: Shape: Club shaped with obtuse tip, so narrow at the base and wide at the tip with a barely noticeable cleft. Color: RHS 144B. Style: Length: 0.1 cm. Color: RHS N194A. Ovary: Shape and position: Globular and superior. Width: 0.09 cm. Length: 0.2 cm. Color: RHS 144B with.

Seed: Seed not observed to date.

Disease and insect resistance: None specific disease or insect resistant observed.

COMPARISON WITH COMMERCIAL VARIETY

When 'PODARASNGA 9-15' is compared to the commercial variety 'Violet Cascade' (U.S. Plant Pat. No. 34,298), 'PODARASNGA 9-15' is 30.0 cm in height, while 'Violet Cascade' is 122 cm in height.

When 'PODARASNGA 9-15' is compared to the female parent, an un-named, unpatented proprietary *Buddleia* hybrid, 'PODARASNGA 9-15' is shorter in height than the female parent and broader in width than the female parent with much more contrasting white eye than the female parent.

When 'PODARASNGA 9-15' is compared to the male parent, an un-named, unpatented proprietary *Buddleia* hybrid, 'PODARASNGA 9-15' is shorter and broader with darker coloration in the outer portion of the petal than the male parent.

I claim:

1. A new and distinct cultivar of *Buddleia* plant named 'PodarasNGA 9-15' as described and illustrated herein.

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FIG. 1

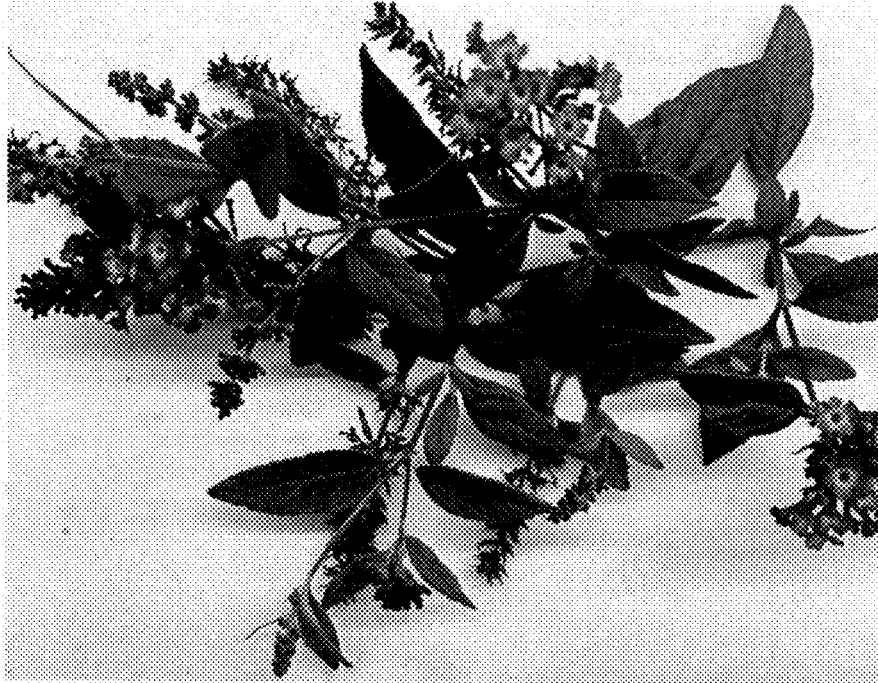


FIG. 2



FIG. 3



FIG. 4

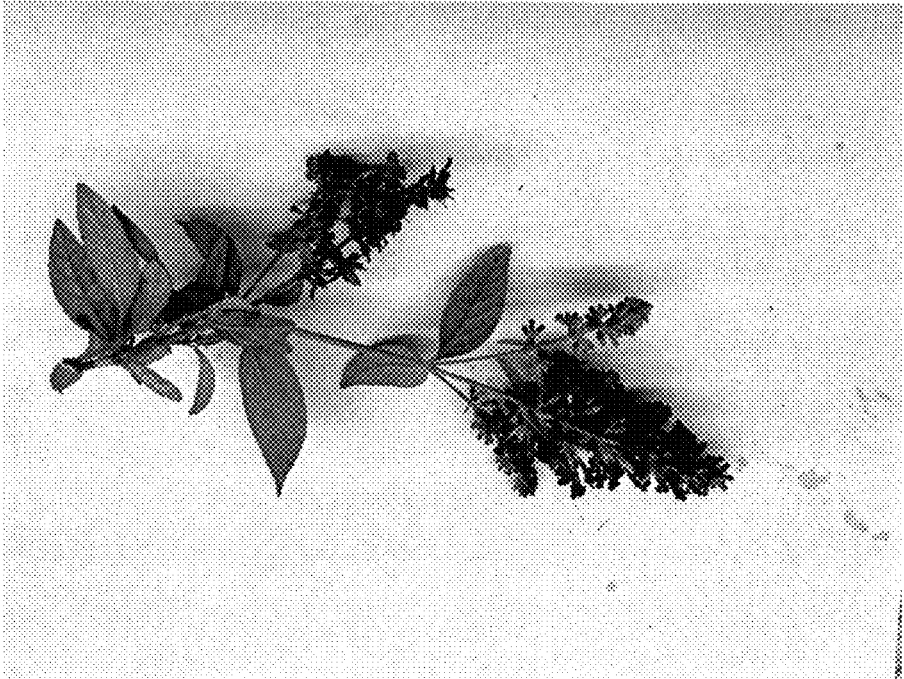


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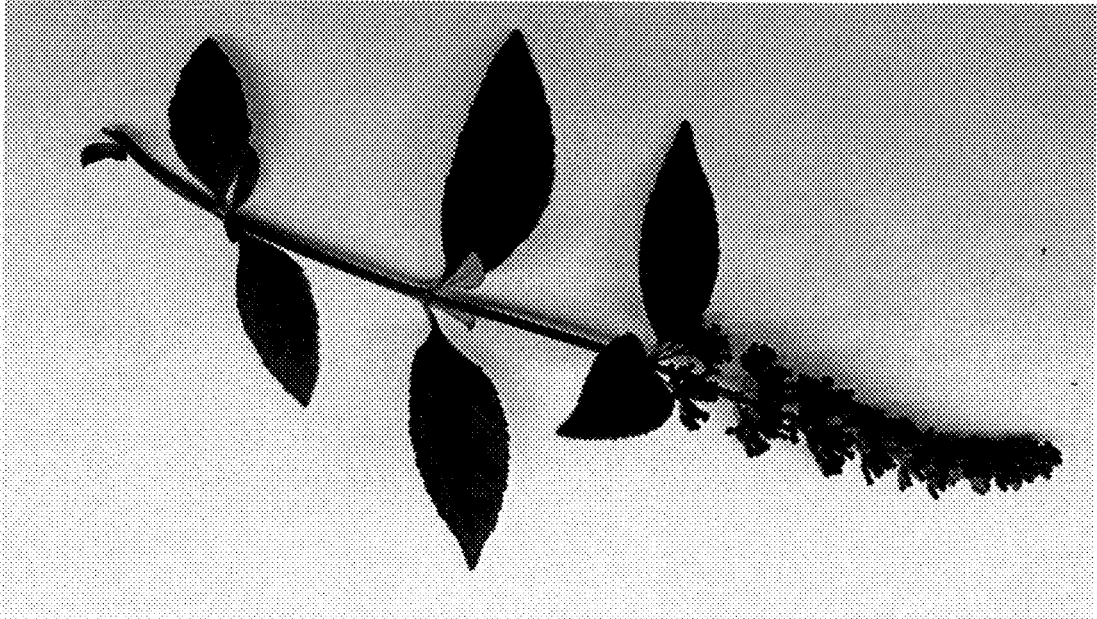


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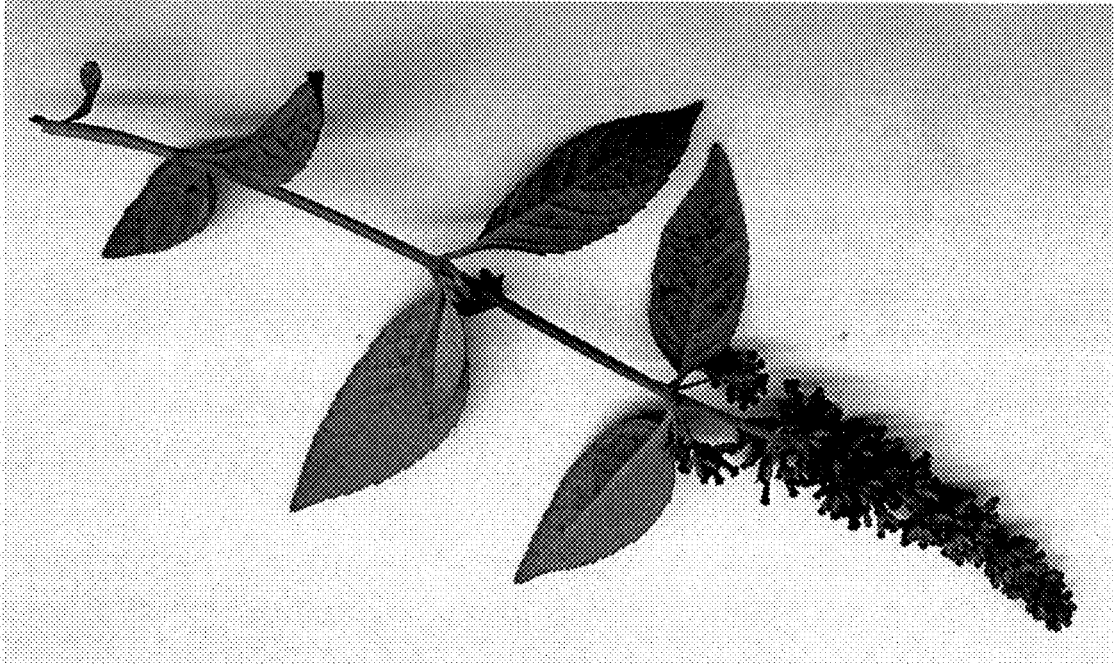


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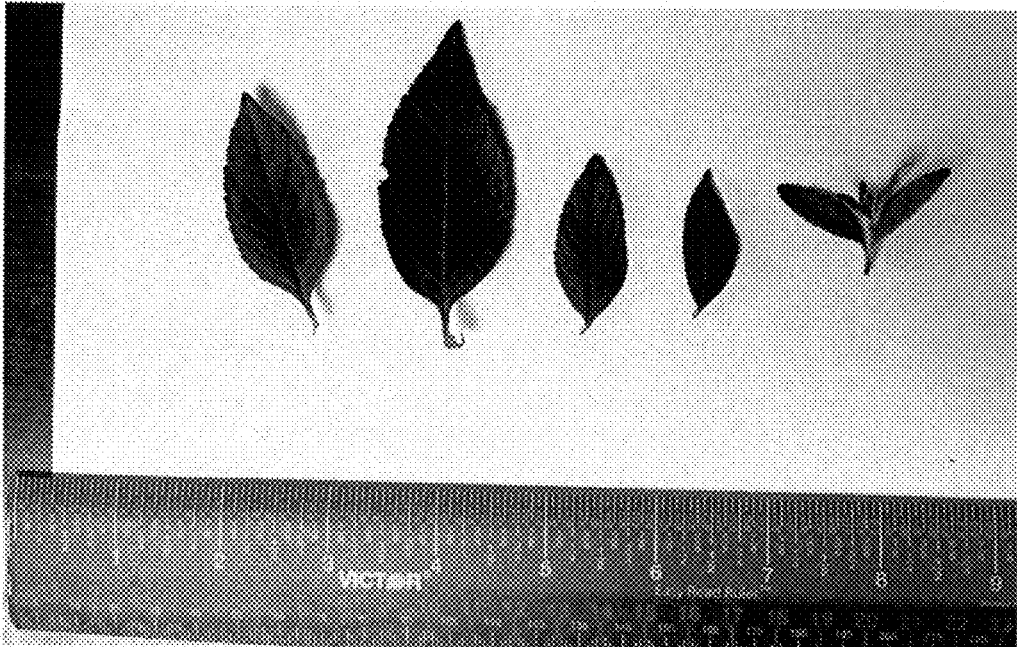


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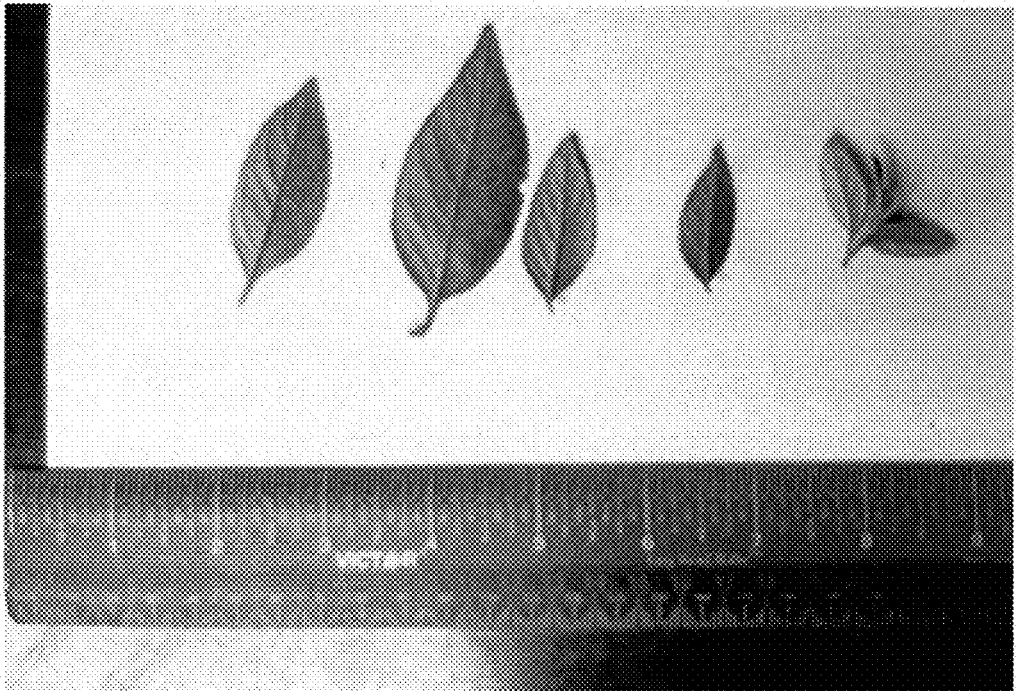


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