

DRACAENA × MASSEFFIANA

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ABSTRACT. *Dracaena* × *masseffiana* [Pennock ex] Bos (Liliaceae), a synthetic hybrid of *D. surculosa* Lindl. var. *surculosa* (forma variegata) and *D. fragrans* (L.) Ker-Gawl. 'Massangeana' is validated by a Latin diagnosis and illustrated.

Dracaena* × *masseffiana [Pennock ex] Bos. Fig. 1.

Syn.: *D.* × *masseffiana* [Pennock ex] Everett in Gard. Chron. 121: 229, 232, fig. 111 (1947) — nom. inval.; Clint, Plantlife 9: 128-129 (1953); Bailey & Bailey, Hortus III 398 (1976).

Type: Culta Pennock's Nursery, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico, *Howard & Nevling* 16927 (holo. BH); *Howard & Nevling* 16926 (A) has an identical label and is probably an isotype.

Hybrida artificiosa hortensis e *Dracaena surculosa* Lindl. (forma variegata) et *D. fragrans* (L.) Ker-Gawl. genita, foliis punctilosis inter parentes media, inflorescentia *D. fragrante* similis.

This artificial hybrid of variegated *Dracaena surculosa* Lindl. var. *surculosa* (Syn. *D. godseffiana* [Sander ex] Masters) and *D. fragrans* (L.) Ker-Gawl. 'Massangeana' of which Everett (op. cit.) gives a full account and English description was still not validly published since it lacked a Latin diagnosis and citation of type specimen.

The hybrid was produced by Mr C. E. Pennock in San Juan, Puerto Rico, about 1937 and Julius Roehr's Company of Rutherford, NY, USA, obtained stock and distributed it in the spring of 1947. It was listed in their catalogue of 1 iii 1947 as 'Dracaena Pennock' with a statement of parent-hood and short English description — this material is here formally proposed as cv. Pennock. It is likely that all material in existence today was raised from Mr Pennock's original stock and thus belongs to cv. Pennock.

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FIG. 1. *Dracaena* \times *masseffiana*, shoot and inflorescence $\times \frac{2}{3}$.