

Exciting new colour variation in *Clivia miniata*

The Versicolour flower



When I first flowered a versicolour interspecific Herold Koopowitch described the plant as unbelievable, I named this plant after my daughter Chanel. Since then many versicoloured interspecifics were bred all over the world, proving that this is feasible colour variation in clivia but yet unknown in *Clivia miniata*.



Interspecific bred by Rudo Lotter *Clivia* "Chanel"

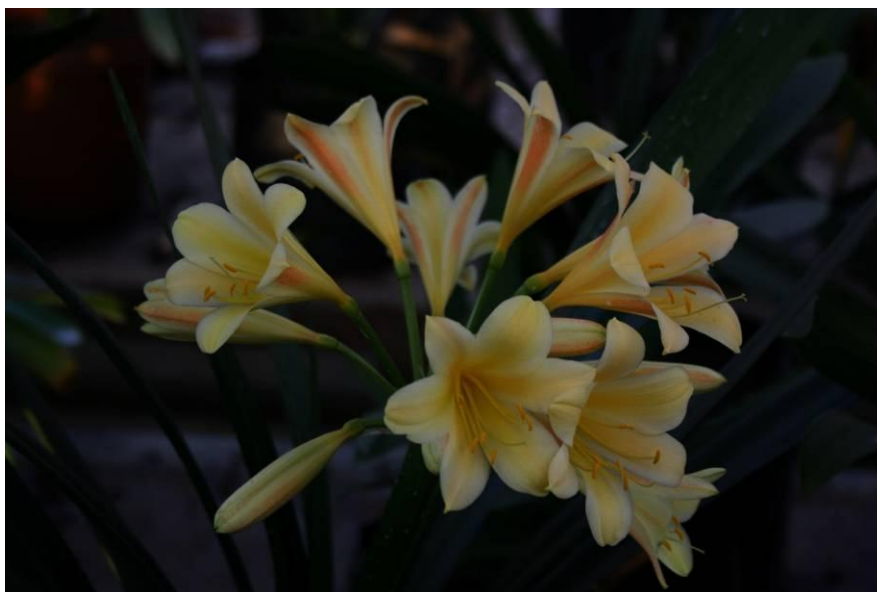
In 1995 I visited the Pietermaritzburg show, there was a plant called Naude's Peach, this plant had several outstanding features, there were two umbels on the same plant the older blushed to a deep peach and the younger umbel opened yellow, also the older umbel developed red spots on the outside of each petal.

Obtaining pollen from Naude's Peach, not knowing to which group it may belong and the only pod parent available we pollinated a F1 orange Natal yellow grp2 x group 1 yellow. The seedlings from this cross varied from normal orange to pastel in flower colour. Two of these pastels were selected for quality flowers and labelled F1 Naude's Peach split yellow.



Naude's F1 pastel

I knew that the only way to recover Naude's Peach was to pollinate the two F1 and to wait for the F2 generation, as expected 50% flowered orange 25% yellow and some not yellow not peach but to my surprise VERSICOLOUR.



Versicolour opening

From these the two best were selected for further line breeding, seedlings from these flowered and proofed that I knew colour variation was made through years of patience and some luck.



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