

Origin of Chinese Blush clivia in China

- Chinese Blush originated from different growers in Anshan, China around 2002. The plants were grown to be yellow flowers out of orange Anshan Daruma and orange Guo Lan Malian clivia hybrids
- One gentleman with an interest in yellow Anshan darumas noticed yellows showing pinkish discoloration with age and he then bought all the plants he could find from the different Anshan growers. These plants were named Chinese Blushes
- Well known growers such as Mr He Shi Zong selected 4 plants from these original blushes. Mr He named them Little Swan, Golden Dragon (previously White Horse Prince), Golden Phoenix and Golden Sparrow
- Other Chinese Blush plants in my collection are named Bumble Bee and Angel City. There are more clones in the market, e.g.
 Summer Song and there are probably many more

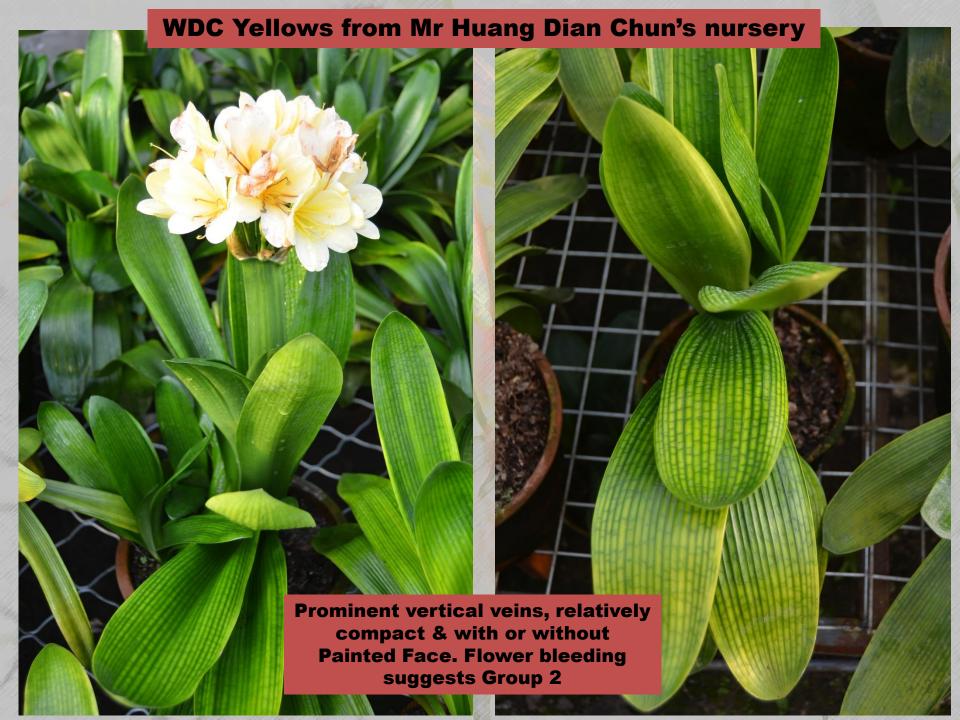
Orange Anshan Daruma and orange Guo Lan Malian clivia hybrids – produced Malian Daruma. Yellow Daruma, originated in Anshan from similar compact plants





Origin of the Chinese Blush clivia in my collection

- In 2011 I received some seeds of Chinese Blush plants, crossed with Group 1 yellows and back to Chinese blushes, from Eddie Pang, Melbourne
- In 2013 the opportunity came to visit Chinese growers in Shenyang, Anshan and Changchun with Eddie Pang, Joubert van Wyk, Marilyn Paskert (America) and Paul Kloeck
- Mr He of Shenyang is one of the current pioneers in growing Chinese Blushes and yellows. He has an extensive collection, made many crosses between these plants and many of my plants originated from his collection
- We also visited Mr Huang (Wang) Dian Chun WDC yellow, developer of the Chinese Changchun Yellow (e.g. the famous Jin Dan Yellow) – WDC yellow is compatible with Chinese Blush, producing blush plants with Chinese leaves
- Eddie made seeds available (from 2013-2017) to the members of the Clivia Society - South Africa. These included the best Chinese Blush hybrids and crosses with both Group1 and Group 2 yellow plants
- Examples to follow





Examples of Chinese Blush at Cliviaselect & genetic background

Group 1 compatible crosses

- 1. F1 Golden Phoenix (Golden Phoenix X YG1) offset
- 2. F1 Golden Phoenix (Golden Phoenix X YG1) X Little Swan
- 3. F1 Golden Dragon (was Golden White Horse Prince) (Golden Dragon X YG1) X Little Swan
- 4. F1 Golden Sparrow (Dutch cream X Golden Sparrow X GS) Tropical Sky

Group 2 compatible crosses

- Bumble Bee origin probably little Swan X WDC yellow or yellow Daruma
- 2. Little Swan (Little Swan X WDC yellow with painter leaf)
- 3. Angel City orange picotee X Angel City Anshan Daruma yellow

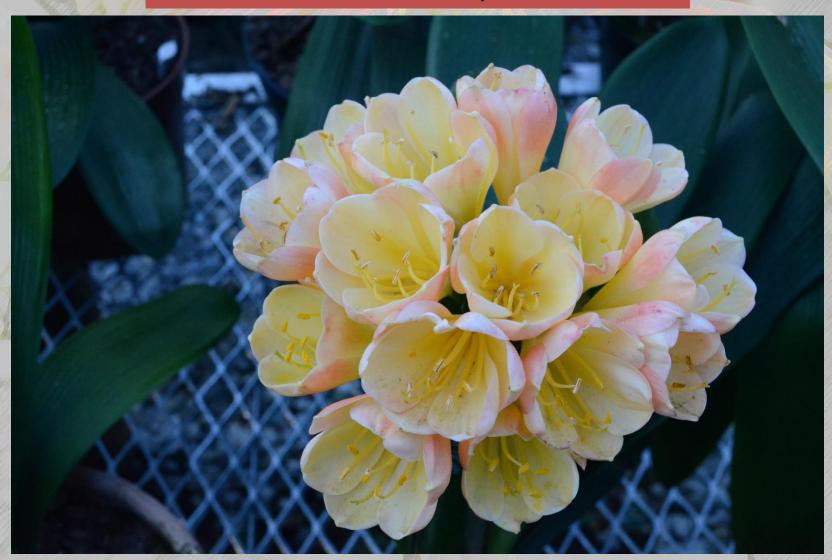
Other types

- 1. Dream Series Blush
- 2. Chinese Blush RSA influence
- 3. Chinese Blush crossed with Hattori bi-colour

Way forward with Chinese Blush

Group 1 compatible

Pink versi – <u>F1 Golden Phoenix -</u> (Golden Phoenix X Nakamura yellow – YG1) – leaves more daruma-like, Eddie



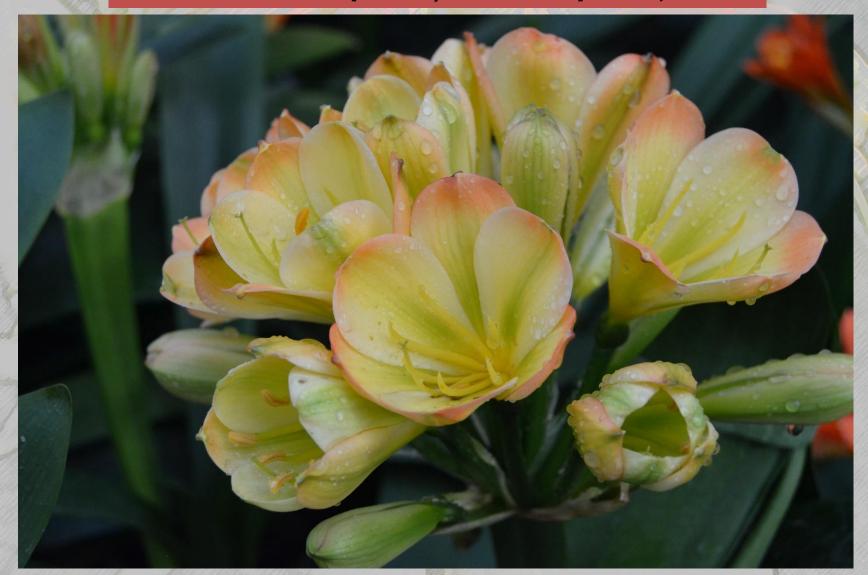


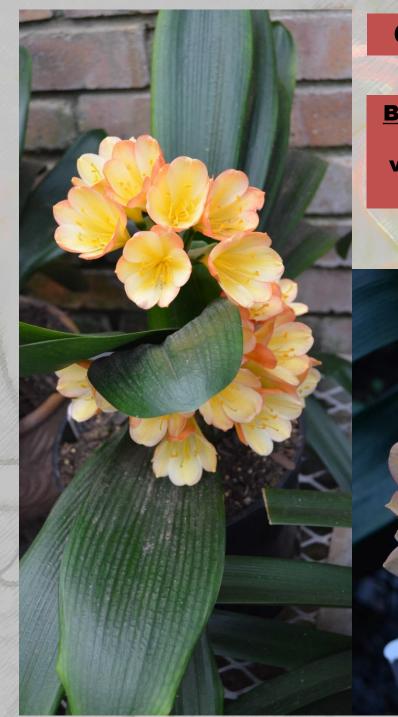
Group 1 compatible



Group 1 compatible?

Tropical Sky – <u>Golden Sparrow progeny</u> – (Dutch Cream X Golden Sparrow) X Golden Sparrow, Eddie





Group 2 compatible?

Bumble Bee progeny - Versi & Picotee
- typical Chinese leaves: strong
vertical veins, shiny and stiff - Mr He
(Little Swan X WDC yellow?)



Group 2 compatible



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<u>Little Swan progeny</u>: Pinkish (Little Swan X WDC yellow – painter leaf) – Mr He



Group 2 compatible

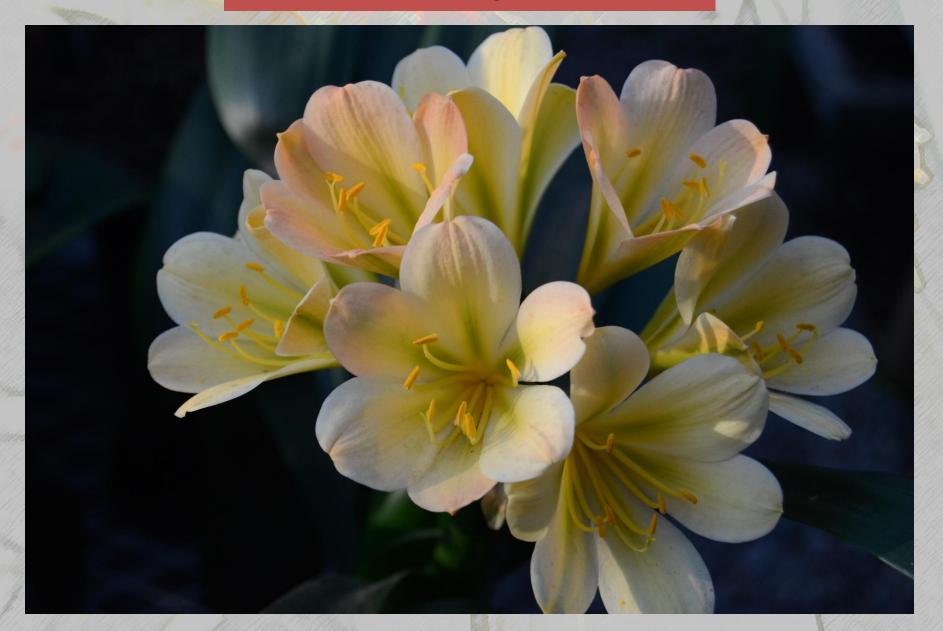


Dream Series progeny Compatibility not 100% known

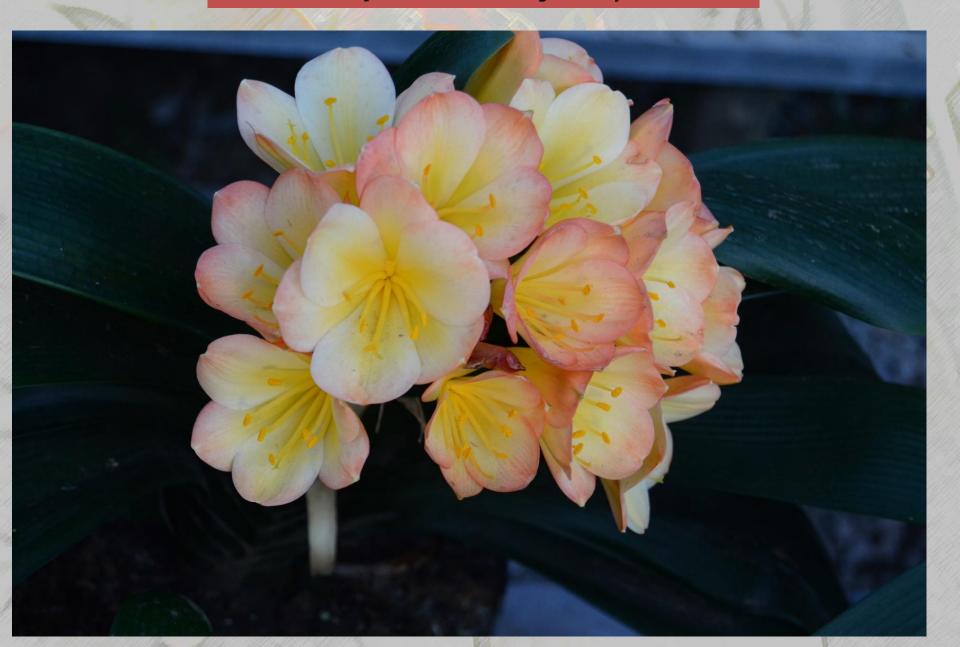
Dream Series, Mr Han - Shenyang



<u>Dream Series progeny</u> – Green Dream, Mr He



<u>Dream Series alike</u> – uneven colouration (F1 – Golden Sparrow X WDC yellow) - Eddie



<u>Dream Series alike</u> - uneven pink coloration (F1 – Golden Dragon X Little Swan) - Eddie



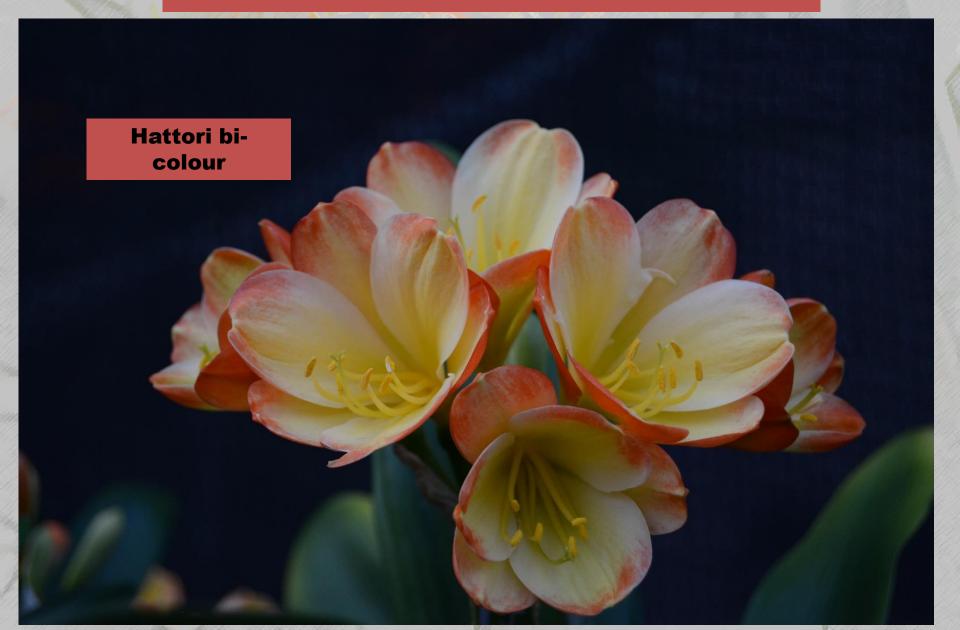


Chinese Blush - RSA influence

Compact Pink Tips 2 - Alick Mc Leman (NZ) yellow - Ngidi Pink Champagne? X Yellow Daruma, Mr Yang Zhang – daruma leaves



Hattori bi-colour crossed with Chinese Blush



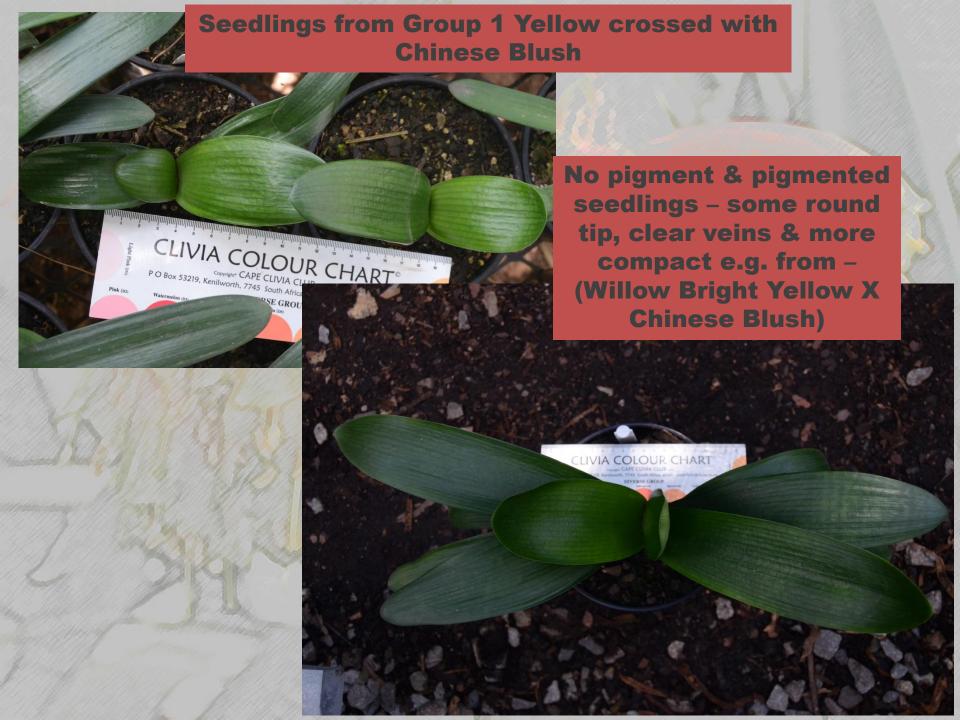


WAY FORWARD WITH CHINESE BLUSH CLIVIA

- So far crosses with our South African Group 1 & Group 2 yellows gave positive results:
- more compact plants with Chinese leaves veining, shine & stiffness
- from unpigmented & pigmented seedling stems, both yellow & blush flowers expected. These plants will start flowering soon and I can select for open, recurving shapes and interesting pink or green flowers
- 2. Chinese bi-colour hybrids such as Bai Jin Long, crossed with Chinese Blush will produce softer picotee colours. The Bai Jin Long plants are typical compact, upright, stiff and shiny Changchun Chinese clivia
- 3. How about crossing Chinese Blush with many clivia hybrids in your collection such as interspecific, Tiger and multitepals?

Group 1 yellows crossed with Chinese Blush





Typical good quality Chinese leaf of Bai Jin Long bicolour (BJL) is compatible with WDC Yellow. Chinese Blush X BJL results are pending



CONCLUSIONS

- Chinese Blush and WDC Yellow clivia make a positive contribution when crossed with our South African plants.
 The result is a more uniform, compact shape compared to our strappy and mostly disorganised clivia leaves
- Some of the typical Chinese leaf characteristics (like vertical veining, stiffness and shine) remain on new leaf growth in South Africa
- It will therefore be possible to propagate large yellows-, soft
 and green flowers on compact Chinese-like plants
- Select carefully when you pollinate to avoid orange flowers
- I trust that the seeds from Eddie Pang also produced excellent Chinese blushes for many of you zoomers and other clivia growers in South Africa.