

## INVITATION TO SHOW INTEREST: CLIVIA MIRABILIS GUIDED HABITAT VISIT

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This *invitation to show interest* is not a registration form but an instrument to gauge interest. Depending on responses received by 14 July 2023, formal opportunity to register will follow. If oversubscribed, selection will take place considering criteria including the number of provisionally interested people, the distance they have travelled and the probability of their having another opportunity. No applicant will be admitted to the private farm conserving the habitat without a written invitation from the Organisers.

The habitat tour is not a Conference function but an adjunct to it, with separate registration and a separate budget. Due to environmental sensitivity the habitat tour group is limited to 24 invited participants. No exceptions will be made. While no special fitness is required to see the most accessible population, general good health and stout walking shoes are a necessity. At the sole discretion of the farm-appointed habitat guide, Felix Middleton (who happens to hold the Society portfolio of Conservation and Research), some participants will be invited to proceed over more challenging terrain to a more remote population, while the rest will be accompanied back to the homestead to be regaled with an array of *C. mirabilis* information and convivial Clivia discussion until joined by the returning adventurers, when a farm braai will follow.

The day in the field will be Thursday, 5 October 2023, which is a little early for peak flowering, but plants with flower spikes will be on show in the magnificent wild habitat. The afternoon before (Wednesday, 4 October) will be spent travelling on the N7 to accommodation in Vanrhynsdorp, 300 km north of the Conference venue. Thursday evening will be spent at the same accommodation, after retracing the 8 km on a rutted, gravel farm road and then 32 km on the tarred R27 between the farm and Vanrhynsdorp. Participants will return to the Conference venue in Milnerton on Friday morning, 6 October 2023, arriving before lunchtime.

Because the state of the gravel, farm road is unpredictable due to weather and irregular maintenance, appropriate transport is essential, especially with regard to diff clearance. No roadside assistance is available. Accordingly intended motor transport will feature in participant selection. The Organisers have negotiated a very reasonable rental facility of Toyota Fortuners to be self-driven from and back to the Conference venue at a total cost (including comprehensive insurance for the 48 hours) of around R 4 700 (for 4 people) for the 2.8D 4x2 Automatic and around R 5 140 (for 4 people) for the 2.8D 4x4 Automatic. Use of this facility is not mandatory, but if other transport is used it is subject to approval by the Organisers for suitability.

There are 3 component costs to the *C. mirabilis* habitat tour:

- a) Non-discretionary venue cost of R 750 (recce, infrastructural and management costs, farm facilities and catered braai);
- b) Discretionary transport costs (either own approved arrangements or Organiser's facility);
- c) Non-discretionary accommodation costs: single accommodation in the same lodge for everyone at R 1 140 D, B & B per person per night x 2; alternatively sharing (double bed or 2 singles) at R 930 D, B & B per person per night x 2.

Drivers will need a driver's licence valid for South Africa. Every participant will be required to complete an indemnity (see our website: [cliviasociety.co.za](http://cliviasociety.co.za)) as part of registration.

The content of this information page is deemed to have been accepted in completing an invitation to show interest and ultimately in formal registration.

Respond by using page 2 only.

## CLIVIA MIRABILIS GUIDED HABITAT TOUR: SHOW OF INTEREST

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Submission of this form does not constitute a firm commitment, but only a show of interest.

**Surname:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Email address:** .....

**Home base:** .....

**Age:** .....

<b>Health and fitness:</b>	Good	Fair	Questionable
<b>Conference Delegate?</b>	Yes	<b>No</b>	
<b>Accommodation:</b>	Single	Sharing	
<b>Transport:</b>	Organiser's facility	Own If own, make and model of vehicle .....	
Understood and accepted terms and conditions on page 1.	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....

Email by **14 July 2023** to the Organiser at [mr.a.swart@gmail.com](mailto:mr.a.swart@gmail.com).