

Chinese Clivia growers have recognized five classes of variegated Clivia

- I. Traditional Chinese Clivia
Smooth and bright leaf; clear veins;
The length of leaf is about 250-500 mm; width is about 100-140 mm;
Leaf tip may be pointed or rounded.
- II. Chinese Daruma
Broad short leaves; leaves tend to be 100-140 mm wide and 200-300 mm long;
Rounded tip, leaves are neatly arranged on a symmetrical base.
- III. Heng-Lan
Very short and broad leaves;
Bright leaves, round tip and neat leaf arrangement;
Bear high temperature.
- IV. Sparrow Clivia
Short and broad leaf; the ratio of length to width is 1:1 to 1:1.5;
Bright leaves with clear vein; little pointed at the tip;
Pretty short stalk, very showy and delightful foliage;
Grow well under high temperature.
- V. Average Variegated Clivia
Long and narrow strap-like leaves; pointed leaf tip;
Relatively poor stalk shape.
(Translated by ChineseClivia.com.)

1.Victory.

An old Chinese type:

Leaf's size: L50~60cm, W8~9cm, T2~3mm.

Leaves: erect, waxy, bright, green, regular & protruding veins, exquisite surface, stretchy

Base: wedge like

Flower colour: red coloured, large flower (6~9cm), compact, sparkling

Berry: round

It is a good pollen plant; its off-springs all have finer quality. For example, Engineer-Huang's pollen plant is Victory. And now almost all high quality Chinese Clivia has good genes of Engineer-Huang; i.e. have good genes from Victory.

Its originator is Youdi, Zhang. You can still find it in Changchun Victory Park.

2.Ranchang

Another old Chinese type.

Leaf's size: L40~50cm, W8~9cm, T2~3mm.

Leaves: arched, not bright, dark green, lengthwise crinkled, non-protuberant veins, bony shaped

Flower color: red or orange coloured, thunder & lightning, flower size (6.5~7.5cm)

Berry: flat and round

It is a good type Chinese Clivia.

Its originator is Guoxin, Cheng.

3.Monk

The type named as "monk" is originally cultivated by a Chinese monk. The actual breeder's name is Heting Wu. But later, it does become better due to further breeding by a monk named Pu Ming and accepted by enthusiasts from then on. So, it was named as "Monk" now.

Leaf's size: L60~80cm, W10~13cm, T1.5~1.7mm.

Leaves: arched and turn up at the tip, tips are round, netlike veins, dark green,

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size (6.5~7.5cm)

Berry: flat and round

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4.Engineer-Huang (Victory×?)

An old Chinese type.

Leaf's size: L30~50cm, W9~11cm, T2~2.5mm...

Leaves: erect & forceful. Bright, curly, tips are cusped, fish bone-like veins, very slippery & exquisite surface

Base: wedge like

Flower color: red or orange coloured, flower size: (6~9cm), sparkling

Berry: round

It is one of the most famous of Chinese Clivia and in the forefront of Chinese Clivia breeding, it is a good pollen plant too; its off-springs will appear painted-face.

Its originator is Yongnian Huang who is an engineer.

5.Round-Tip (Monk × Ranchang)

A very good Chinese type

Leaf's size: L30~40cm, W9~10cm, T1.8~2.2mm...

Leaves: erect & forceful & turn up on the leaf tips, round-tipped, oily bright but inconspicuous Veins

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size (4~5cm)

Berry: elliptical

Its originator is Chiyuan Zhao.

6.Short-leaf (Victory × Monk)

An excellent type

Leaf's size: L25~30cm, W8~9cm, T2~2.5mm...

Leaves: erect & forceful & turn up on the leaves tip, round-tipped, regular & protuberant net-like veins, oily bright, thick & hard

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size (5.5~6.5cm)

Berry: round

Its originator is Jinglong Bai

This type plays a very important part in improving Chinese Clivia quality. It is recognized that a type cannot become a high-quality type without crossing with Shortleaf.

7.Round-tip-Shortleaf (Round-tip × Shortleaf)

An excellent and popular type

Leaf's size: L30~35cm, W9~11cm, T2~2.2mm.

Leaves: erect, tip is round and like a soup spoon, dark green, bright

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size (5.5~6.5cm)

Berry: elliptical

Originator: Dianwu Chen

8.Shortleaf-Monk (Monk × Engineer-Huang)

A popular but ordinary type

Leaf's size: L30~35cm, W9~11cm, T2~2.2mm.

Leaves: erect, tip is round and like a soup spoon, waxy bright, emerald green, with painted face effect, regular veins. Dark green, bright

Flower color: orange coloured, large flower

Berry: round

Its originator is Qinglin Yuan

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9.Painter (YouJiang)

An old and excellent Chinese type of clivia

Leaf's size: L50~60cm, W9~10cm, T2~2.4mm.

Leaves: erect & forceful, bright, darker green, tips are elliptical, very regular veins, very slippery & exquisite surface

Flower color: orange coloured, large flower (about 8cm)

Berry: round

It is one of the most famous types of Chinese Clivia, in the forefront of Chinese Clivia breeding, being a good pollen plant too.

Its originator is Painter-Jiang whose name cannot be searched out.

10.Painted Face-Monk (Engineer X Monk)

A charming but ordinary Chinese type

Leaf's size: L 45~50 cm, W10 ~ 13cm, T1.5 ~1.8 mm.

Leaves: not erect nor forceful; waxy bright. Leaves are interspersed with yellow and green (veins are usually dark green), tips are like those of Monk's, veins are not regular, surface a little slippery & exquisite

Flower color: orange coloured, large flower (about 7~8cm)

Berry: round

Its originator is Wen Yue Zhang

11.Painter-Shortleaf (Shortleaf X Painter X Shortleaf)

One of the most excellent Chinese clivias at present

Leaf's size: L25~35cm, W7~9cm, T2~2.5mm.

Leaves: erect & forceful, oily bright, dark green leaves, very raised and regular veins and tipped on the tips. Tip shape is elliptical, a little cusped with very slippery & exquisite surface

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size about 8cm

Berry: round

It is also one of the most famous and welcomed type of Chinese Clivia. Its price is also very expensive. Its breeder is not known. Probably a chance hybrid.

12.Yellow Shortleaf (Shortleaf X Engineer X Shortleaf)

One of the best Chinese types at present

Leaf's size: L25~35cm, W7~9cm, T2~2.5mm.

Leaves: erect & forceful, oily bright, buff or "Kelly" leaves, very raised and regular veins and tipped on the tips. Tips shape is elliptical with a bit cusped, very slippery & exquisite surface

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size about 8cm

Berry: round

This is one of the most famous and sought after of Chinese Clivia. Its price is very expensive too.

Its breeder is not known. Probably a chance hybrid.

13.Yellow Round-tip

One of the best among the series of Round-tip (a delicate type)

Leaf's size: L about 30cm, W about 8cm, T about 2mm.

Leaves: bright, buff coloured leaves, ordinary veins and tips are round. Leaves' surface is slippery & exquisite

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size about 8cm

Berry: round

It is also one of the most sought after of Chinese Clivias.

Breeder is not known. Probably another chance hybrid.

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14. Painted face- Shortleaf (Shortleaf X Painted-face)

One of the most excellent Chinese Clivia at present

Leaf's size: L25~35cm, W9-11cm, T2~2.5mm.

Leaves: erect & forceful, oily bright, buff or "Kelly" leaves, raised and regular veins and tipped on the tips; tips' shape are round, with very vivid painted surface, very slippery & exquisite surface

Flower color: orange coloured, flower size about 8cm

Berry: round

It is also one of the most famous, welcomed and rare types of Chinese Clivia.

Breeder is not known. Probably another chance hybrid.

There are still some other types such as Engineer-Monk, Painter-Engineer-Shortleaf, etc. These types are all hybrids among or between those types which are introduced above. It should be mentioned that the very best Chinese Clivia are always very rare, so are very expensive.

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