Clivia robusta B.G. Murray, Ran, De Lange, Hammett, Truter & Swanevelder

Family: Amaryllidaceae

Common names: swamp bush lily, swamp Clivia

Introduction

Clivia robusta is probably one of the tallest members of the genus as it can grow to a height of 1.6 m in ideal conditions. It is a strong grower and thrives in swampy conditions. The flowers are pendulous and range from various shades of orange to yellow with green tips. The yellow flowering form has now been described as a new variety of C. robusta and is known as var. citrina.

Description

C. robusta has strap-shaped broad leaves which can reach 1.80 cm in length. The habit is upright. Plants flower in late autumn to mid-winter, producing pendulous flowers ranging from pale to dark orange with green tips. The peduncles or flower spikes are strong and hold the inflorescence above the foliage.