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*Clivia miniata*

[Synonyms : *Clivia grandiflora*, *Imantophyllum miniatum*]

**KAFFIR LILY** is an evergreen bulbous perennial. Native to South Africa it has yellow-throated, orange-scarlet flowers.

It is also known as Bush lily, Caffre lily, *Clivia* (French, Portuguese), *Clivie* (French, German), *Klivia* (Danish), *Klívia červená* (Slovak), *Klivie* (German), *Mônjelilja* (Swedish), Natal lily, *Punasarja* (Finnish), *Řemenatka červená* (Czech), *Riemenblatt* (German), St. John's lily, and Thong lily.

There are many hybrids of different colours.

Warning – the root, bulb and possibly other parts, have very poisonous qualities.

Kaffir lily was a protected species in Cape Province (South Africa) in the 1950s and may well still be today.

*Miniata* is Latin (coloured with vermilion) meaning 'cinnabar- or flame-red or the colour of red lead' with reference to the flowers.

Kaffir lily was much admired as an ornamental pot-plant in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Victorian England, particularly for its evergreen leaves.

Medicinally, the root has been used by Zulus to treat fevers and snake bites.