

AMARYLLIDACEAE

THE CORRECT AUTHOR CITATION FOR *CLIVIA MINIATA*

The authority for *Clivia miniata* is universally indicated as Regel (1864: 131). The most important examples are Baker (1888: 62; 1896: 229), Wood (1909: t. 503), Phillips (1921: t. 13), Compton (1976: 123), and Gibbs Russell *et al.* (1985: 111).

This citation is incorrect. Regel (1864: 131) himself did not claim to be describing *C. miniata* as new, but cited *Vallota miniata* Lindley (1854: 119) in full. The misconception may have originated in Lindley (1854: 119) writing the name as *Vallota ? miniata*, creating the impression that the name is not validly published [I.C.B.N. (1988) Art. 34.1.b: not validly published 'when it is merely proposed in anticipation of the further acceptance...']. From Lindley's text it is quite clear that he was in no doubt about the taxonomic acceptability of the species, and that the question mark indicates doubt only about the correct placement of the species in the genus *Vallota*. Clearly *Vallota miniata* is validly published in terms of Art. 34.2 which states that a name is validly published when published with such 'a question mark or other indication of taxonomic doubt, yet published and accepted by the author'.

The correct author citation is therefore **Clivia miniata** (Lindley) Regel, based on *Vallota miniata* Lindley.

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