

# Musa basjoo

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**Common Names:** Hardy Banana, Japanese Banana

**Family:** Musaceae

**Origin:** Africa and Asia

**Growth:** Upwards, clumping. Older leaves naturally fall off

**Light:** Full sun

**Foot Candles:** 250+

**Water:** Keep evenly moist

**Humidity:** 30%+

**Temperature:** -24°C to 40°C

**Soil:** Well draining humus-rich mix

**Container:** Irrigated garden bed

**Nutrients:** 15-10-10 Monthly

**Propagation:** Seed or division

**Interiorscape Use:** Large leaf tropical, unique specimen



**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** Root rot when sitting in water. Leaf drop with insufficient light or watering.

**Comments:** The most cold-hardy banana tree, grown for its fast-growing tropical foliage and ornamental inedible fruits. The rhizomes are cold hardy to -24°C. If you live in an area that gets colder, you can try using either a rose-cone or heavily mounding the rhizome with mulch after it has been cut down for the season in Fall. Alternatively, it can be grown outdoors for the growing season, and the rhizome can be dug up and brought indoors for the winter.

**Toxicity:** Safe.



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