

Musa acuminata

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Common Names: Banana, Blood Banana, Edible Banana, Plantain

Family: Musaceae

Origin: South East Africa

Growth: Upwards, clumping. Old leaves naturally fall off

Light: Full sun

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Keep evenly moist

Humidity: 35% - 90%

Temperature: 18°C - 32°C

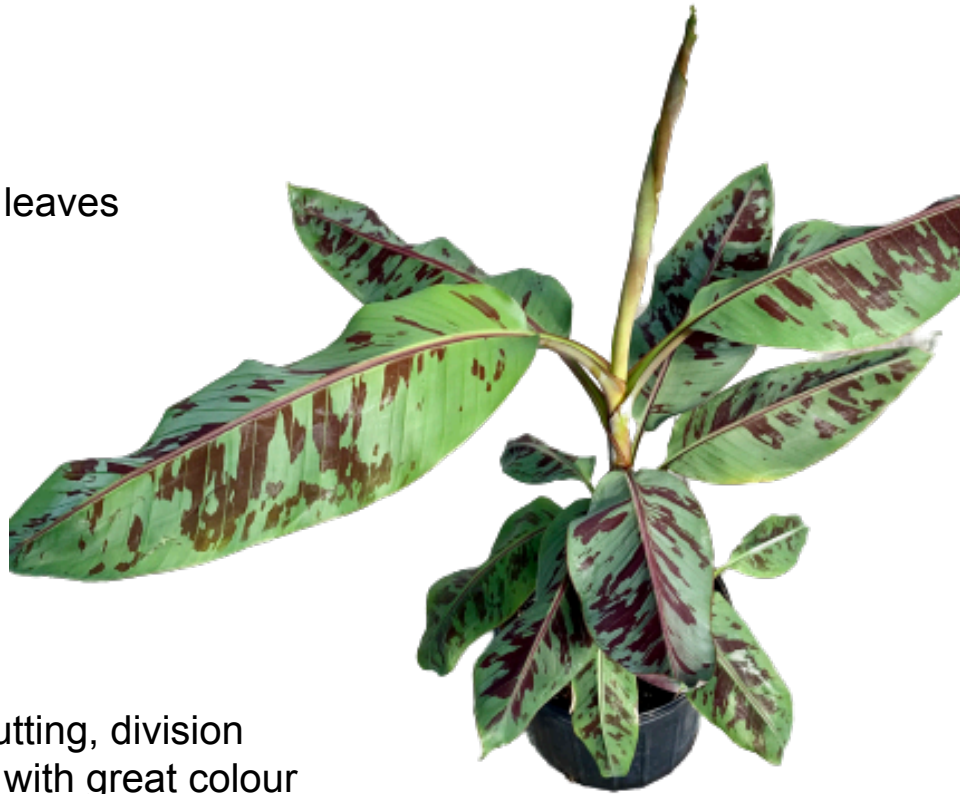
Soil: Well draining potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter

Nutrients: 20-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Seed, vegetative cutting, division

Interiorscape Use: Large leaves with great colour

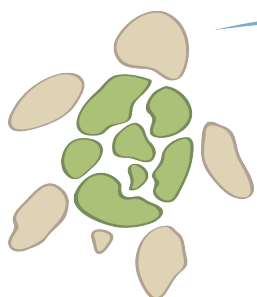


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Cold drafts can cause brown tips. Leaves often droop when they reach a large size.

Comments: Typically grown for foliage but will bloom when mature. Plant will die after flowering. A specimen sized plant can have leaves 6 meters long. Banana trees are not trees at all, but are among the worlds largest herbs.

Toxicity: Safe.



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