



Musa basjoo (Hardy Japanese banana)

Origin	China & Japan
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 5m tall, 3m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 2m tall, 1.5m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 3m tall, 2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top may die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, in 1st year ideally move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk or else it will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Purple flower, inedible fruit. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.

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Musa sikkimensis (Darjeeling banana)

Origin	Himalayas
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 5m tall, 3m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 2m tall, 1.5m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 3m tall, 2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top may die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, in 1st year ideally move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk or else it will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Purple flower, inedible fruit. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.

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Ensete Maurelii (Red Abyssinian banana)

Origin	Ethiopia
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 4m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - 1.5m tall, 1m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 2m tall, 1.2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location. It will get too big for a windowsill.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum of 5c - if the plant gets frosted, it will die. A greenhouse heated to at least 5c or in a conservatory or well-lit similar place, warmer is preferred. Water sparingly over winter.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Neither, just beautiful foliage

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Musa velutina (pink fluffy banana)

Origin	Himalayas
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 3m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - 1.2m tall, 0.8m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 1.5m tall, 1m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil, / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location. It will get too big for a windowsill.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top will die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or else it will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Pink flower, tiny inedible fluffy pink fruit. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system,

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Musella Lasiocarpa (Golden Lotus Banana)	
Origin	China
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1.2m tall, 1m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 1.5m tall, 1m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground but best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location. It will get too big for a windowsill.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Best grown in a pot and moved to a frost free greenhouse. If planted in the ground, wrap the plant in fleece / insulation and keep the roots well mulched. The plant produces lots of 'pups' so the smaller ones can be potted up to replace the main one if it dies.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Yellow flower, inedible fruit. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the base of the plant.

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Musa Dwarf Cavendish	
Origin	Canary Islands, Spain
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 2m tall, 1.2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1m tall, 0.8 wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 1.5m tall, 1m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location. It will get too big for a windowsill.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum of 5c - if the plant gets frosted, it will die. A greenhouse heated to at least 5c or in a conservatory or well-lit similar place, warmer is preferred. Water sparingly over winter.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Does produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.

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Musa Yunnanensis (Yunnan Banana)		Musa acuminata microcarpa (monkey fingers banana)	
Origin	China & India	Origin	Borneo
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 3m tall, 2m wide in good conditions	Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 5m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1m tall, 0.8 wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 1.5m tall, 1m wide	Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 2m tall, 1m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.	Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big	Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top may die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or insulate. If not, the trunk will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.	Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Microcarpa is thought to have some hardiness, however I would suggest that it kept in a greenhouse heated to at least 5c or in a conservatory or well-lit similar place, warmer is preferred. Water sparingly over winter.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.	Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Small, inedible fruit, said to resemble monkey fingers. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Musa balbisiana		Musa nagensium (Giant Banana)	
Origin	Himalayas to Papua New Guinea, found at altitude	Origin	Eastern Himalayas to Yunnan, China
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 5m tall, 2m wide in good conditions	Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 6m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 2m tall, 1m wide	Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 2m tall, 1m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.	Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big	Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top will die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or else it will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.	Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Nagensium is thought to have some hardiness, however I would suggest that it kept in a greenhouse heated to at least 5c or in a conservatory or well-lit similar place, warmer is preferred. Water sparingly over winter.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Very large flower, sweet but seedy fruit. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.	Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Scarlet flower, inedible fruit. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Musa itineranse 'Burmese Blue'

Origin	Northern Thailand
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 4m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 2m tall, 1m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum of 5c - if the plant gets frosted, it will die. A greenhouse heated to at least 5c or in a conservatory or well-lit similar place, warmer is preferred. Water sparingly over winter.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Does produce edible blueish fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Musa Acuminata Colla Variegated

Origin	Thailand
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 3m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide in perfect conditions, smaller if grown outside (not recommended in the UK)
Location & soil needed	Hot, sunny & sheltered. Should only grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer. This variety is not suited to novice banana growers.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location, must be well heated in winter.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum winter temperature of 10c, preferably closer to 20c - this plant is tropical and does not appreciate cold draughts. Keep it on the drier side during winter months as growth slows down.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



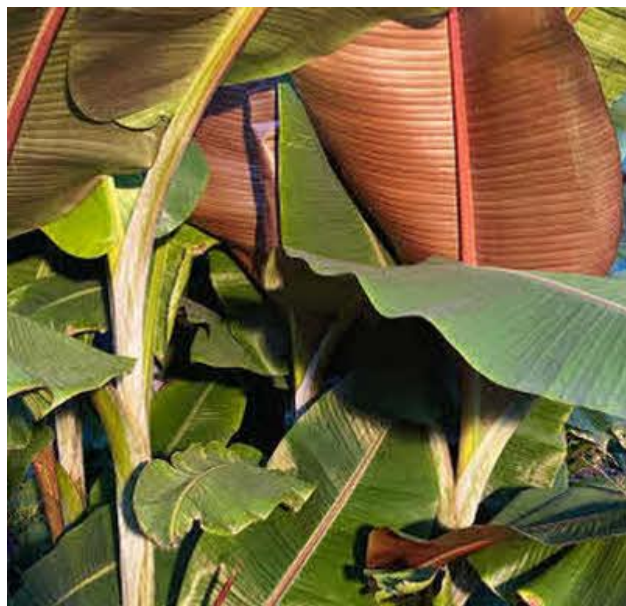
Musa Siam Ruby

Origin	Thailand
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 2.5m tall, 1.5m wide in perfect conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide in perfect conditions, smaller if grown outside (not recommended in the UK)
Location & soil needed	Hot, sunny & sheltered. Should only grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer. This variety is not suited to novice banana growers.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location, must be well heated in winter.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum winter temperature of 10c, preferably closer to 20c - this plant is tropical and does not appreciate cold draughts. Keep it on the drier side during winter months as growth slows down.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Musa Florida Variegated

Origin	Florida
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 2.5m tall, 1.5m wide in perfect conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide in perfect conditions, smaller if grown outside (not recommended in the UK)
Location & soil needed	Hot, sunny & sheltered. Should only grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer. This variety is not suited to novice banana growers.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location, must be well heated in winter.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum winter temperature of 10c, preferably closer to 20c - this plant is tropical and does not appreciate cold draughts. Keep it on the drier side during winter months as growth slows down.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Musa Daj Giant (Giant Himalayan Banana)

Origin	Himalayas
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 4m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 2m tall, 1.2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top may die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or insulate. If not, the trunk will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Does produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Musa sikkimensis x paradisiaca

Origin	Himalayas
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 5m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 2m tall, 1.2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground or grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top may die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or insulate. If not, the trunk will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.



Ensete Glaucum (Snow Banana / Musa Nepalensis)	
Origin	Himalayas
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 4m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 2m tall, 1.2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground but best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top will die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or insulate. If not, the trunk will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Neither, just beautiful foliage

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Musa 'Helen's Hybrid'	
Origin	Hybrid of Himalayan varieties
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 3m tall, 2m wide in good conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Up to 2m tall, 1.2m wide
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Can be planted in the ground but best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.
Suitability as a houseplant	No - it will get far too big
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	If planted in the ground, mulch well as the roots are hardy when mulched. The top will die if frosted, but will regrow in spring. If pot grown, move into frost free-greenhouse to maintain trunk, or insulate. If not, the trunk will regrow in spring if it gets frosted.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, even in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.

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Musa Grand Nain		Musa NoNo (Pink Variegated)	
Origin	Canary Islands, Spain	Origin	Papua New Guinea
Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 3m tall, 2m wide in good conditions	Maximum size (5 - 10 years)	Up to 3m tall, 2m wide in perfect conditions
Likely size in 1st year	Outdoor - up to 1m tall, 0.8 wide Greenhouse / conservatory - 1.5m tall, 1m wide	Likely size in 1st year	Up to 1.5m tall, 1m wide in perfect conditions, smaller if grown outside (not recommended in the UK)
Location & soil needed	Warm, sunny & sheltered. Best grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer.	Location & soil needed	Hot, sunny & sheltered. Should only grown in a pot, with a very fertile soil / compost. Water regularly, use a high nitrogen plant food weekly in summer. This variety is not suited to novice banana growers.
Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location. It will get too big for a windowsill.	Suitability as a houseplant	Only in a very sunny conservatory or similar location, must be well heated in winter.
Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum of 5c - if the plant gets frosted, it will die. A greenhouse heated to at least 5c or in a conservatory or well-lit similar place, warmer is preferred. Water sparingly over winter.	Winter care & minimum temperatures needed for survival	Absolute minimum winter temperature of 10c, preferably closer to 20c - this plant is tropical and does not appreciate cold draughts. Keep it on the drier side during winter months as growth slows down.
Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Does produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.	Does it produce flowers or fruit?	Can produce edible fruit, but not in the UK climate. The main trunk will die after flowering, it will produce 'pups' from the underground root system.