

Botanical name:
Genus: Musa
Species: ornata

Common Name(s): Flowering
Banana plant

Latin Family Name: Musaceae
English Family Name: Musa

The plant

Origin; *country or region:* Native to South East Asia

Growth habit: A tropical evergreen perennials

Flower description: Erect spikes of yellow – orange flowers adorned by showy pink bracts appear on seasonally or on mature plants

Blooming period/availability:

Leaf/Foliage Description: Huge paddle-shaped dark green leaves

Usage: Musa ornata is one of several banana species grown as ornamental plants for their handsome foliage, for instance in mixed tropical plantings

Best ornamental Banana plant

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Adds a bit of an exotic tropical splash to your plant collection

Ideal for large spaces - can be grown in large tubs

Great for coastal gardens or wall borders

WEAKNESS:

Leaves can damage easily

Although impressive you will alot of space and some support

Needs of leaves at flowering time - helps expose the otherwise shy and hidden flowers



Care & Handling

Longevity: 5 years plus

Water requirements: Keep compost moist

Light: Bright with some direct sun

Soil/Nutrition requirements: Plants can be planted in good fertile soils

They can tolerate wet soils well

Special care/remarks: The fruit is attractive but tends to be inedible

