

## Ensete ventricosum

**Red Abyssinian**

'Banana'



**'Maurelii'**

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**Fantastic Exotic Foliage – Compact Form – Deep burgundy Leaf  
Easy Care – Indoors and Outdoors**

Leaves are tinged with red on upper surface, especially along edges. Leafstalks are dark red. This is a very richly coloured cultivar of *Ensete ventricosum* and a magnificent summer foliage plant in the garden. Although it must be overwintered under protection it is completely wasted in a greenhouse or conservatory in the Summer. The undersides of the leaves are flushed orange-red with the colour of the midribs being especially intense. The upper surface of the leaves is variably flushed at the edges with a chocolate-brown colour and again the midrib is very dark. The plant is wonderful viewed with the sun behind it. The colours are somewhat less intense if the plant is grown in shade and the heavier the shade the less intense are the colours. This superb plant for the summer garden was "discovered" by J.Maurel, Director of the Alliance Française School of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. A gentleman named Bois working at the Natural History Museum in Paris described it formally in 1930.

### FOR GARDEN, PATIO AND CONSERVATORY

Hardiness: Hardy to 3°C – 5°C

Bloom : Red Abyssinian will not bloom or fruit in Northern Europe.

Foliage : Dramatic richly coloured foliage for garden or conservatory.

Habit: More compact than most banana, performs best in cool conditions, becomes elongated in high temperatures.

Propagation: Tissue culture

Culture: Plant in moist fertile soil or in large container in sheltered but sunny position.

For best colour effect move outside once danger of frost has passed.

**For decoration purposes only, not fit for consumption.**

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