

# Ensete ventricosum 'Maurelii'



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## SIZE:

- 2.5m H x 1.5m S
- Compact upright



## USE:

- Patio container
- Conservatory



**Name:** Red Abyssinian Banana

**Full Name:** Ensete ventricosum 'Maurelii'

**Flower:** Ensete will not bloom or fruit in Northern Europe

**Leaf:** Dramatic richly coloured leaves in green, red and chocolate brown

**Mature Size:** 2.5m H x 1.5m S/Compact upright

**Preferred Location:** Patio container/Conservatory

**Likes:** Full sun and moist fertile garden soil, sheltered location

**Dislikes:** Temperatures below 3°C and strong wind exposure

**Grown in:** Ireland

Ensete ventricosum 'Maurelii' is a very richly coloured cultivar and a magnificent summer foliage plant. Although it must be overwintered under protection it is completely wasted in a conservatory in the summer. This plant grows to its best shape and colour in a sunny, but sheltered position in fertile and moist soil. If it is too shady the plant will stretch and lose some of its intensive foliage colour. This superb plant was "discovered" by J. Maurel, Director of the Alliance Française School of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It was formerly described in 1930 by a gentleman named Bois working at the Natural History Museum in Paris.

