

Musa Velutina, Red Banana - Plant



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Description Velvet Pink Banana is an interesting dwarf species of banana, growing only 4-6 ft tall. It bears somewhat waxy leaves which are quite large and can grow to 1-2 ft long. The flowers are pink to orange. The most ornamental part of the plant is its fruits, dwarf bananas, which are a bright, velvety pink and last for months at a time.

Fruits are covered with thin hairs. They are edible and quite sweet, but also full of seeds. This is one of the few bananas that will actually flower and fruit in the house.

Common name: Flowering banana, Ornamental banana, Velvet Pink Banana. Botanical name: *Musa velutina*. Family: Musaceae (Banana family)

Color: Red

Height: 1.5 to 3 m

Difficulty level: easy

Planting & Care

Sunlight: full Sun, partial shade

Soil: Rich, humid

Water: Keep the soil moist

Temperature: 25 deg C

Fertilizer: Fertilize weekly during growing season, monthly during winter

Care:

- Pay attention to regular weeding, feed and pruning schedules to ensure your plant remains in peak condition.

Use

Medicinal use:

- The root of the plant is also sometimes used for ayurvedic preparations.

Culinary use:

- The male bud may be cooked or used in salads, while the leaves are often incorporated in making dressings.

Ornamental use:

- Used as an ornamental perennial plant that is usually grown for decorative purposes.

Reference:

<http://myfolia.com/> <http://www.hardy-tropical-plants.com/>