



Kotare Subtropicals, Nursery Edible and Ornamental Banana and Subtropicals Catalogue, Spring 2021

Plant supply available as at Sept - Oct, 2021. Banana bunch covers (blue/silver & yellow/silver) available year round \$3.50 plus postage/freight & GST. All plant prices Exclusive of GST & Freight and subject to updating until a firm order is accepted.

Bananas are gross feeders during the growing season and generally require the following:

- **Frost free – hardier once establish and some types can withstand a limited number of frosts.**
- **Warm sunny position with good drainage is best.**
- **Sheltered from the wind.**
- **Slopes of 15 degrees or less.**

Plants considered suitable for planting into greenhouse: Dwarf Cavendish, Raja Puri, Grande naine, & Double. All other stock recommended for planting from November until February; except in areas frost free where planting can safely be achieved.

Banana grades measured from base of pot to top leaf tip:

Small: upto 0.5m in height in 17 cm pots

Medium: 0.5 – 1.0m height in 23 cm pots

Large: 1.0m – 1.5m height in 28cm pots

XL 1.5m height or greater

Specimen potted banana up to 2.5m

Stems, are bare rooted plants and available from October/Nov

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Lady Finger type	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Misi Luki	Subtropical Banana; 3 - 5m in height. Huge bunches, medium, fat fruit. Creamy & sweet. Hardy in Northern NZ.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-50 2 6 4	\$15.00 \$20.00 \$25.00 \$30.00 \$35.00
Lemon ladyfinger	Edible banana 4m in height with small tangy fruit on medium sized bunches. Great flavour.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 1	\$20.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Rajapuri	Indian "lady finger" type up to 2.4m in height. Small very sweet fruit. Best landscape banana due to its ability to withstand neglect and still look great. Also suited for hot house growing.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 1 0	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Ae Ae (Variety Not Variegated though has been verified by a New Zealand banana expert to be AeAe)	A tall 5-6m high banana, normally variegated variety but has reverted to green. It produces small fruit that are best cooked but palatable raw when fully ripe. Prefers acid soil. Thrives best in lightly shaded areas. Needs extremely good shelter from winds.	Stems Small Medium Large	3 2	\$20.00 \$25.00 \$35.00 \$45.00

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Lady Finger	Lady finger type but cannot confirm variety. Tall up to 4m in height and great producer of small to medium tasty fruit.	Stems Small Medium Large XL		\$20.00 \$20.00 \$25.00 \$30.00 \$40.00
Hamoia	Similar to Misi Luki and not the same variety as "Hua moa" in Hawaii. 4-5m in height. Reliable, thin-skin dessert banana with sweet flavour and soft texture. Large bunches of sweet fruit.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	0 2 0 0	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Australian Lady Finger Ducasse (Pisang Awak)	A particularly vigorous and hardy banana; 4-5m high, important in Thailand. In subtropical conditions has tightly packed, small bananas with a light wax bloom. Relatively cool tolerant and vigorous in NZ conditions, and relatively productive. Needs extremely good wind protection.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	1 2 3 1	\$25.00 \$30.00 \$35.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Improved Australian Ladyfinger (Pacha Nadan)	3-4m in height reliable fruit production in cooler climates. Large bunches, piquant flavour, sweet small fruit with thickish skin. Hardy, and productive in Northern NZ.	Stems Small Medium Large	-1 10 2	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00
Tonga	6-7m high tall and hardy variety of ladyfinger banana. Sausage like fruit. Relatively cool tolerant in New Zealand conditions, and relatively productive. Needs extremely good shelter from winds.	Stems Small Medium Large	-1 1 4	\$25.00 \$25.00 \$35.00 \$45.00

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Pome	'Brazilian Tall' 4-5m in height, with sweet acid tasting small fruit. Sturdy, vigorous, highly productive, cold hardy and wind tolerant. Fruit shape with pinched end.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 0 0 0	\$20.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Mysore	Subtropical vigorous plant; 3 - 4m in height. Widely grown dessert banana. Easily recognised by the pinkish-purple midribs and back of young leaves. Differs from Misi Luki common in NZ. The banana of commerce in India. Short, plump, sweet-acid bottleneck fruit. Hardy in Northern NZ.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 2 2 3	\$25.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Orinoco	Unnamed variety sourced from the Far North. Orinoco banana grows on a medium-sized, entirely green plant from 3 – 6m tall. Bunch typically develop 3 to 5 'hands' with small, thick bananas approximately 15cm long and 5cm thick, with an angular shape. Fruit has a soft silky texture when mature, with a firm, slightly fibrous core. Orinoco bananas are relatively starchy, but will develop a delicious sweet flavour and soft texture when fully ripened.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	1 3	\$15.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Blue Java	The unripe fruit are a striking silvery blue, slightly angular, turning yellow when ripe. Soft, sweet "ice cream" texture. Very vigorous with bunches that	Stems Small Medium Large	-1	\$40.00 \$50.00 \$60.00

	require propping to hold them up.	XL		
Patasina	Similar to Australian Lady Finger and not the same as "Pata Sina" in Samoa. A vigorous and hardy banana; 4-5m high, has tightly packed, small bananas with a light wax bloom. Relatively cool tolerant and vigorous in NZ conditions and relatively productive.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	Out of stock	\$15.00
Samoan Large	Very robust, cold hardy and unlikely to blow over. Smallish bunches of average flavoured fruit.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1	\$20.00

Banana Variety	Description: Edible Honduran varieties and an Australian Hybrid. These are varieties that have been selectively bred for high disease resistant and exceptional taste.	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Goldfinger FHIA-01	Honduran hybrid banana; 3-4m in height. Marketed in Australia and New Zealand as Goldfinger. Hardy and robust. Very sweet, tangy, curved fruit. Black stems, with broad sometimes wavy leaves.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	5 5	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$100.00
Mona Lisa FHIA-02	FHIA-02 is a dessert Honduran hybrid banana. 3.0 -3.5m in height. Mona Lisa is a vigorous and strong grower with partially red pseudostems. Performs well in New Zealand. Tangy sweet fruit.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 1 1 3	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$100.00
Goldfinger type yet to be verified: potentially Sweetheart FHIA-03	Honduran hybrid; 3 – 4m in height with sweet, tangy fruit. Cold and wind tolerant and produces high quality fruits in sub-tropical, rather than tropical, conditions. Highly recommended and well suited to growing in NZ conditions.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 1 2 2	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$100.00
High Noon (SH-3640)	High Noon is an Australian selection growing 3.0-3.5m in height. It's similar to the Honduran varieties and is a superior flavoured dessert banana. The fruiting bunch hangs out at an angle beside to the pseudostem. Hardy and robust.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$100.00

FHIA 18 Bonanza	Honduran hybrid banana; 3-3.5m FHIA-18 is marketed in Australia as Bananza. More cold and wind tolerant and produces higher quality fruits in sub-tropical conditions. Highly recommended and well suited to growing in NZ in warmer frost-free areas.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	2	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$100.0
Banana Variety	Description: Edible Cavendish types	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Cavendish	Medium size variety 3m in height. Produces large bunches of high-quality fruit.	Small Medium Large XL	4 23 21 6	\$25.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$50.00
Banana – Williams	Larger Cavendish type up to 3m in height. Bigger fruit. Very good flavour. This variety requires to be propped.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	1 10 12 4	\$25.00 \$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$50.00
Mahoi Double	Dwarf Chinese mutant Cavendish banana 2.0m in height. Produces two bunches per stem. Frost tender needs shelter and warmth. Most suited to a hothouse.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	0 0 3 4	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Grande Naine "Israel"	Stocky productive cavendish type plant with larger fruit, developed for commercial plantations in Israel. Intermediate 3-4m in height. Very good flavour. Needs very warm suntrap position to thrive in NZ. Gross feeder.	Stems Small Medium Large XL	-1 0 0 4 5	\$30.00 \$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Cavendish Dwarf	Short chunky plant 2.0m in height when fully grown outdoors. Slender curved fruit, tasty. Frost tender, needs shelter and warmth. Most suited to a hothouse. Or makes a good indoor plant in a large container.	Small Medium Large XL	2 140 21 5	\$35.00 \$40.00 \$45.00 \$50.00
Musa Houhora	Cavendish Type	Out of stock		

Variety	Description: Ornamental Musa	Grade	No. In stock	Price
Musa sikkimensis	Ornamental species, inedible fruit 4m in height. Hardy and particularly wind tolerant. Handsome red-splashed juvenile leaves. Gross feeder.	Small Medium Large XL	1 5 2	\$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 \$125.00
Musa coccinea	Ornamental banana which has very bright scarlet flowers for several months of the year. Slender and delicate growth habit, grows to a height of 2m.	Small Medium Large XL	4 3	\$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 \$125.00
Musa zebrina	The blood banana with green leaves splashed with jagged patches of mahogany red. A slender delicate 2m plant. Requires full shelter and dappled light, thrives only in warm conditions.	Small Medium Large	1	\$50.00 \$75.00 \$100.00
Musa mannii	Indian dwarf ornamental flowering banana. Hardy with colourful pink bell.	Small Medium Large XL	4	
Musa velutina	Frost tender beautiful in a warm garden. Vivid pink upright flowers & velvety hirsute inedible fruit. Small up to 1.8m, ornamental, hardy.	Small Medium Large XL	5	
Musa ornata	Plants grow to a height 1.5 to 3.0 m. The plants have green/blue foliage. The leaves can grow to 1.8 m long, and can be used for tropical cut flower arrangements. It produces pink flowers with dark pink inedible fruit.	Small Medium Large XL	1	

Grade description pot diameter as above but height description not the same.

	Description: Other Subtropical Fruits			
Pineapple (Ananas comosus)	Natal Queen or Rough Common Pineapple is the best eating variety found in New Zealand. It has golden yellow flesh, crisp texture and delicate mild flavour. It is a tropical plant, will grow well in greenhouse or in frost free areas. Best to cover with frost cloth in winter.	V small Small Medium Large	4 46 34	\$30.00 \$60.00 \$120.00 \$140.00
Pineapple (Ananas bracteatus)	South American Red or Mountain Pineapple, ripe fruit are edible, but are smaller and less fleshy than commercial pineapples.	Vsmall Small Medium Large	7 2 37 10	\$30.00 \$60.00 \$100.00 \$140.00
Pineapple (Ananas spp.)	Smooth cayenne is the main canning and processing pineapple. A golden yellow fruit with high sugar and acid content Is suitable for growing in warm greenhouse. Or under frost protection.	Small Medium Large		\$60.00 \$120.00 \$240.00
Grafted Cherimoya (Annona cherimola)	Peruvian custard apple or Cherimoya. Plant early spring or summer. Prune young trees to a vase shape over the first 3-4 years. Flowering starts October & may continue until February. Fruit ripens over a long period. Harvest when skin turns greenish - cream colour.	Out of stock		\$35.00
Grafted Cassimoroa (C. edulis)	White sapote, or Mexican apple has many varieties. The three grafted high flesh to seed ratio selections available are: Yellow, Jason Mac's Gold	Out of stock		\$35.00

Tropical Papaya Red Lady, Tai Nung 2,	Papayas prefer sunny sheltered warm site with good summer rainfall. They are not tolerant of cool climate conditions. Do best in a greenhouse. Ensure soil type is light and well drained. Papayas have male and female flowers on separate trees but there are some bisexual trees.	Out of stock		\$35.00 \$35.00
Sugar Cane	White perennial sugar cane. Nitrogen fixer. Good companion plant for bananas, helps remove excess soil moisture. Can be cut and chipped as a nitrogen rich mulch/fertiliser. Also is a high Metabolizable Energy stock food. Makes good fast low shelter for more tender crops.	Small Medium	102	\$15.00 \$30.00
Mango	Kensington	Out of stock		\$70.00
Lucuma (Pouteria lucuma)	Crumbly texture, sweet fruit similar in texture to hard-boiled egg yolk.	Medium	7	\$55.00
Passionfruit Passiflora ligularis	Sweet Granadilla – orange shell when ripe. Large, lush heart shaped leaves. Sweetly scented purple and white flowers from late summer/autumn. Followed by green fruit hangs on the vine and ripens late spring early summer. Pick as soon as fruit colours up for the best sweet passionfruit flavour.	Medium Large	12 8	\$25.00 \$35.00
Passionfruit - Passiflora antioquiensis	Vanilla passionfruit with red flowers and long, yellow fruit. Sweeter than the black passionfruit. The flowers and fruit hang down on long, thin stems and suit an archway or pergola.	Small	20	\$25.00

Tumeric		Out of stock		
Arrowroot		Out of stock		
Pawpaw (<i>Carica pubescens</i>)	Rainbow Valley Pawpaw. Sweet small pawpaw fruit can be eaten raw or stewed, in jams, sauces or pies. Selection by Joe Polaischer of Rainbow Valley Farm, Matakana.	Small Medium Large	14 13 1	\$25.00 \$35.00 \$45.00
Vietnamese Mint	Vietnamese coriander or Laksa leaf mint	Small	6	