

Mekong Giant Banana



A newly discovered species of cold-hardy giant banana from Yunnan, China. *Musa* 'Mekong Giant' is a seedling selection made by our friend Brian Williams, of Louisville, Kentucky,

for its bright reddish-purple trunk in addition to its outstanding winter hardiness in Louisville's Zone 6 climate for over nine years.



Musa 'Basjoo'

- **Use:** Impress the neighbors with this super fast growing banana! In no time you will have a huge, lush tropical paradise with a stand of these! Imagine a *Musa* Basjoo on steroids and you get the idea, although *Musa* 'Mekong Giant' spreads from long rhizomes.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Full sun– part shade. Provide well-drained, moist soil, but not soggy. Use a slow release fertilizer. Always hungry this plant loves lots of water and fertilizer!
- **Growth:** In temperate climates, expect a 15' tall specimen, but in climates with warmer winters it can reportedly reach 40'.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-10b, Perennial Mulch around the base of the plant 1– 2 ft in the fall.
- **Foliage:** Large fragrant leaves can be used for cooking.
- **Flower:** Yellow and red blooms in late summer, but requires LOTS of fertilizing and growth first. Bananas on the variety are inedible, but still fun to show the neighbors..

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