

# Stellar Ruby Fragrant Banana Shrub



**FRAGRANT!** It can be used as a large specimen shrub, background shrub, hedge, screen, espalier, or is easily trained into a small single or multi-trunked tree.

## *Michelia x 'Stellar Ruby'*

- **Use:** *So new we can't find an exact photo of the flower, but this should be close.* This evergreen Magnolia was selected for use as a screening plant in shade or sun. The plant has rapid growth and is very dense even in shade. The cross made by the late Bill Smith crossed Magnolia figo v skinneriana with Magnolia figo v crassipes. This plant will be patented.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Morning sun/afternoon part shade. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Prefers well drained soils so please be sure to amend the red clay. Easy to grow and enjoy in most well-drained acidic soils.
- **Growth:** Growth generally slows as they get larger and closer to their mature size of about 10' high but they may reach 20' with age.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7A-10; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Semi-evergreen; Medium sized, medium green leaves.
- **Flower:** The small pink to ruby flowers are highly fragrant and appear in late spring with occasional blooms through the summer.