# Musa x paradisiaca

(Saba Banana, Papaya Banana, Pawpaw Banana 'Saba')

Musa x paradisiaca is the accepted name for the hybrid between Musa acuminata and Musa balbisiana.



Landscape Information

**French Name:** Bananier des Sages, Bananier domestique **Arabic Name:** موز **Pronounciation:** MEW-suh par-uh-DIS-ee-uhka

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Southern Asia, Australia Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 Hardiness Zones: 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Edible, Wildlife

## Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast Tree Shape: Upright Canopy Symmetry: Irregular Canopy Density: Open Canopy Texture: Coarse Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

Plant Image

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Flower Image

### **Botanical Description**

### Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Spiral Leaf Venation: Pinnate Leaf Persistance: Evergreen Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: 50 - 80 Leaf Shape: Oblong Leaf Margins: Undulate Leaf Textures: Smooth Leaf Scent: No Fragance Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Green

## Flower

Flower Showiness: True Flower Size Range: Over 20 Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual) Flower Scent: No Fragance Flower Color: Orange, Purple Seasons: Spring

## Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth, Colored Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry Fruit Showiness: True Fruit Size Range: 10 - 20 Fruit Colors: Yellow Seasons: Spring

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

## Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: No Salt Tolerance: Poor

## **Requirements**

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline Water Requirements: Moderate Light Requirements: Full, Part

## Management

Invasive Potential: No Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes Pruning Requirement: No pruning at all Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes Surface Rooting: No Life Span: Less than 25 Edible Parts: Fruit Pests: Nematodes, Scales Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Grafting, Stolons

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Fruit Image

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