

Bananas

Banana Catalog (TARS/Brian Irish)

Fantastic resource! File is large and can be slow to load

<http://sun.ars-grin.gov/may/documents/CatalogFinal-v1.0-web.pdf>

Banana Forum

Great place to ask questions and trade plants

bananas.org

Promusa

Good search feature to learn more about bananas

<http://www.promusa.org>

Honduran Foundation for Agricultural Research

Primarily in Spanish but second link has fact sheets in English

<http://fhia.org.hn>

http://www.fhia.org.hn/htdocs/banano_y_platano.html

Banana Nutritional Deficiencies

This site has great photos (note fig. 22 shows sigatoka fungus damage)

<http://www.haifa-group.com/files/Guides/Banana.pdf>

IFAS Pictures of Banana Diseases

http://miami-dade.ifas.ufl.edu/pdfs/tropical_fruit/Banana%20Disease%20Rev%20.pdf

IFAS Information on Growing Bananas in Florida

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/mg040>

Banana Fertilizer

<http://www.diamond-r.com> The Homestead, FL location carries banana fertilizer

<http://www.going-bananas.com> Going Bananas carries their own fertilizer mix

Books About Bananas

The World of Bananas in Hawaii - Kepler/Rust

The Complete Book of Bananas - Lessard

Bananas You Can Grow - Waddick/Stokes

Bananas and Plantains - Robinson/Galan Sauco

Banana: The Fate of the Fruit that Changed the World - Koeppel



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Dwarf Bananas

Dwarf Red (AAA/Red)- can take up to 2 years to fruit, sweet dessert banana with red fruit

Raja Puri (ABB/Pome) - great banana, but susceptible to fungus

Dwarf Orinoco (ABB/Bluggoe) - great for cooking or eating when very ripe

Disease Resistant Bananas

FHIA1 (AAAB/hybrid)- Goldfinger - dessert banana, subacid, bananas don't brown, often mislabeled

FHIA2 (AAAA/hybrid)- Mona Lisa - subacid dessert banana

FHIA3 (AAAB/hybrid) - Sweetheart - dessert and cooking banana, great disease resistance

Saba (ABB/Saba)- tall plant but does not need propping, can be cooked, dried ripe, or eaten ripe

Production

Raja Puri (ABB/Pome)- pups and fruits often

Namwa (ABB/Pisang Awak)- great dessert banana with large racemes

Dwarf Orinoco (ABB/Bluggoe)- cooked green/yellow or eaten out of hand very ripe, a favorite!

Mysore (AAB/Mysore)- productive, subacid flavor, can carry blsv

Taste and Unique

Praying Hands (ABB/Saba)- one of our favorites - sweet, honey/vanilla flavor

Pitogo (ABB)- Round, sweet dessert bananas ("fig banana") - excellent fried

Blue Java (ABB/Ney Mannan) the real ice-cream banana, bluish banana, white, fluffy pulp

Hua Moa (AAB/Maoli-Popoulu)— Hawaiian plantain with unique shape, fantastic cooking banana

Pisang Jaribuaya (AA/Pisang Jaribuya) Tasty desert banana

Veinte Cohol (AA) - short cycle banana, quick to produce fruit

Manini/ A'ea'e (AAB/Maoli) - delicious variegated banana, can be difficult to grow

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Multiuse/Cooking Bananas

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