

# Ensete ventricosum

## COMMON NAMES

Ethiopian banana, Abyssian Banana, ornamental banana

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink

## GENUS

Ensete

## FAMILY

Musaceae

## AUTHORITY

Ensete ventricosum (Welw.) Cheesman

## YEAR NATURALISED

1996

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## TOLERANCES

Cold sensitive

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Long-lived monocarpic tree. Reproduces primarily by seed and can sucker a short distance. Seed is a large, black, hard nut which may take several years to germinate. Dispersal is by gravity and possibly birds.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ensete-ventricosum/>

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