Musa intinerans var. xishuangbannaensis ‘Mekong Giant’ PPAF

Size: 15–40’ tall by 4–8’ wide  
USDA hardiness zones: 6–11  
Soil: Average garden soil.  
Sun/shade: Full sun.  
Moisture: Average to waterlogged in southern, coastal areas.  
Diseases and Pests: None known.  
Landscape use: Borders, urban gardens, containers, specimens.  
Propagation methods: Tissue culture.  
Market Appeal/Uniqueness: Mekong Giant grows much taller than other hardy bananas, reaching 15 feet in zone 6. In more southern climes, it can reach 40’ tall with trunks up to 20 inches in diameter. This new selection gets its hardiness honestly, for it was selected from seedlings whose native range goes from the northernmost point of the Tibetan Plateau, to southern, tropical regions along the Mekong Delta into Vietnam and Cambodia. The fruits are purple and the trunk is streaked red to purple, creating a perfect accent to the lush, deep olive green tropical foliage.

Colocasia ‘Bikini-tini’ PPAF

Size: 5–6’ tall by 30–36” wide  
USDA hardiness Zones: 6–11  
Sun/shade: Full sun.  
Soil: Average garden soil, well drained.  
Moisture: Moist, but well drained to get established, once established, it is very drought tolerant.  
Disease and Pests: None known.  
Landscape use: Foundation plantings, mass plantings, front or middle of the border, urban gardens, containers.  
Propagation methods: Tissue culture.  
Market appeal/Uniqueness: This is no itsy-bitsy, teenie-weenie bikini, no…Bikini-tini stands above the others, literally, growing 5 to 6 feet tall. The upward-facing bluish-gray leaves form cups that show off the enticing, dark purple petioles and veins. It’s a tetraploid, so it has strong-stems and super thick leaves that can hold a lot of water. For a fun game when it rains, watch the cups of Bikini-tini fill with water, and then tip to pour it out! Children will love this. A truly natural, outdoor shower for the little ones.
**Colocasia 'Madiera' PPAF**

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**Size:** 2–3’ tall by 30–36” wide  
**USDA hardiness Zones:** 6–11  
**Sun/shade:** Full sun.  
**Soil:** Average garden soil, well drained.  
**Moisture:** Moist, but well drained to get established, once established, it is very drought tolerant.  
**Disease and Pests:** None known.  
**Landscape use:** Foundation plantings, mass plantings, front or middle of the border, urban gardens, containers.  

**Propagation methods:** Tissue culture.  
**Market appeal/Uniqueness:** Madeira is a compact, black-leaved selection with a luscious, velvety look that everyone wants to touch. Midway in size between a caladium and an elephant ear, Madeira grows only 2 to 3 feet tall, adding depth and drama to garden compositions. It is an ideal selection for the mid border or as a foliar element in large containers, where it contrasts and complements brightly colored foliage and flowers. Another great character trait of this new selection is that unlike other black-leaved forms, Madeira will not spread and take over your garden.

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**Colocasia 'Sangria' PPAF**

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**Size:** 4–6’ tall by 30–36” wide  
**USDA hardiness Zones:** 6–11  
**Sun/shade:** Full sun.  
**Soil:** Average garden soil, well drained.  
**Moisture:** Moist, but well drained to get established, once established, it is very drought tolerant.  
**Disease and Pests:** None known.  
**Landscape use:** Foundation plantings, mass plantings, front or middle of the border, urban gardens, containers.  

**Propagation methods:** Tissue culture.  
**Market appeal/Uniqueness:** Sangria makes a lovely focal point, sporting vibrant pinkish-red petioles, and dark green, semi-glossy foliage. This medium sized selection with clear, pinkish-red stems and tropical foliage sure does resemble a crop of pie making rhubarb from a distance. A closer look reveals a whole lot more character when you spot the blue-green tint of the leaves and the purple veins that branch throughout the blade. This lovely, clumping colocasia quickly becomes a focal point in any garden border or large container.