

MUSA 'Little Prince'

Origin: selected by North Carolina Plantsman Randy Salter.

Species: *Musa hybrid*

Protection Status: US Plant Patent #15,255; Canadian PBR Pending.

Characteristics:

Due to its compactness *Musa* 'Little Prince' is ideally suited as a houseplant and as a tropical accent in the garden or container. 'Little Prince' is an extremely dwarf banana, selected for its compact size and thick foliage. The maximum height for this variety is between 24 and 30 inches, which makes 'Little Prince' the shortest banana available on the market (compare to 'Dwarf Cavendish' at 8-10 feet, and 'Super Dwarf Cavendish' at 4-6 feet!) The thick green foliage also allows for improved resistance to leaf shred caused by winds—a common problem for all bananas. A true indoor/outdoor plant: best for gardeners brings the plant into the home or conservatory for the winter.

Hardiness: USDA Zone 7

Bloom: No blooms and does not fruit.

Foliage: Thick green foliage, with occasional black markings on surface. Leaf blade grows to a maximum 14-18 inches in length.

Habit: Compact and upright, mature height is 2 - 2½ feet tall.

Propagation: Tissue culture. *License required for propagation.*

Culture: Ample moisture, in fertile soil. Full sun.

