

Musa beccarii (Musaceae) varieties in Sabah, Northern Borneo

ABSTRACT

Musa beccarii Simmonds var. 'beccarii' is re-described based on extensive field studies in the eastern part of Sabah, Malaysia. Then a new variety of wild banana, *M. beccarii* Simmonds var. 'hottana' Häkkinen, is described and illustrated. This extremely rare new variety was only found in one area at the lower Kinanbatangan River, eastern part of Sabah. It is also considered that *M. pigmaea*, *M. Hott* nom. nud. from East Kalimantan, Indonesia, might be the synonym or a closely related variety to the new variety.