

Swamp Milkweed



Bring back the Butterflies! We love them for their long lasting blooms and strength. A must have for Monarchs to lay their eggs!



Asclepias incarnata

- **Use:** One of the top perennials for attracting butterflies to your garden. Milkweed is an important source of nectar of monarch butterflies. By planting this native perennial in your garden you can do your part to ensure the monarchs have a reliable food source. This attractive perennial performs best in full sun, and tolerates moist soils. The beautiful clusters of pink blossoms sit on compact and sturdy stems, providing a great feeding area for monarchs. Plant with other pollinators like Butterfly Weed, Black Eyed Susans, Bee Balm and Purple Coneflower for a welcoming location for butterflies and hummingbirds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Plants bloom best in full sun but can tolerate a bit of shade. They grow naturally in wet places along streams and ponds. Will grow in heavy, wet soil or in good garden soil and are perfect for rain gardens. Plants are deer resistant and heat tolerant, too.
- **Growth:** Reaches 3 ft. tall and 2 to 3 ft. wide
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-9; Perennial. Very heat tolerant! Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Tall, branching stem, bearing numerous narrow, lanceolate leaves. Opposite, narrow, lance-shaped leaves line the erect, open-branched stem.
- **Flower:** Cherry pink flowers with white centers emanate a sweet vanilla fragrance that calls in countless other pollinators. The vanilla-scented flowers last well in water and attract butterflies and hummingbirds. Elongated, tan-brown seed pods persist into winter.

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