

Common Milkweed



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Asclepias syriaca

- **Use:** This is one of the easiest and fastest to establish of the milkweeds, as it spreads rapidly by rhizomes and grows readily from seed. Plant some today to help counter the increasing threats to the Monarch butterfly. Monarchs lay their eggs exclusively on plants in the Asclepias genus, otherwise known as milkweeds. You're sure to see Monarchs when you plant milkweeds.
- **Exposure/Soil:** They should be grown in well-drained soil in full sun. Use slow release or water soluble fertilizer. Must have good drainage!
- **Growth:** Grows 3-5' feet tall. Sap is a skin irritant.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-8; Perennial. Very heat tolerant! Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous Leaf arrangement is opposite and is oblong in shape with reddish veins.
- **Flower:** In summer, five-petaled flowers bloom with up to 100 flowers per cluster and one to three clusters per stem. Fragrant flowers in colors of green, pink, white, and purple or lavender will last from June through August. The extremely fragrant blooms attract and benefit many pollinators.



Bring back the Butterflies!

We love them for their long lasting blooms and strength. Bees, beneficial wasps, butterflies and skippers seek the floral nectar but foliage is unpalatable to deer and rabbits.



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