

Whorled Milkweed



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.



Asclepias verticillata

- **Use:** This tough perennial is a good choice for a Wildlife Garden, a Prairie or a Dry Meadow. Plants are also used as an Accent, Butterfly Nectar Plant, Butterfly Host Plant or as part of a Grouping or Mass Planting. *Asclepias verticillata* provides Fragrance and Showy Blooms and can be used in Cottage Gardens, Deer Resistant Plantings, Water-wise Landscapes, Low Maintenance Plantings, Perennial Borders, Roadsides and Restoration Projects.
- **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:** Plants grow 2-3' tall with 2-3' spread. Plants are drought tolerant and vigorous. They form colonies from underground rhizomes and will also seed themselves around the garden. If self-seeding is an issue, remove the pods before seed are released.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-10 perennial. Very heat tolerant! Mulch around plant in the winter.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous The leaves are narrow and linear. They are arranged in whorls with 3-6 originating at each node along the stem. At season's end, foliage develops yellow fall color.
- **Flower:** Fragrant white flowers occur from mid-summer and into autumn. This late bloomer is among the last milkweeds to go dormant. This makes it a very valuable late season food source for Monarch butterflies and their caterpillars.

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