

# Green/Spider Milkweed



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## *Asclepias viridis*

- **Use:** Green Milkweed shares with other *Asclepias* species its milky, irritating sap and strong attractiveness to Monarch, Soldier, Queen butterflies and a host of other insects. Very tolerant of dry conditions, it is also called Green Antelopehorn. Its beauty and tendency to spread slightly make it a good garden choice. White crab spider lives on this plant.
- **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 18-30" feet tall. If self-seeding is an issue, remove the pods before seed are released. Seeds need 30 day cold stratification or sow in fall/winter Sap is a skin irritant.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 4-9; 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:** Features rose-white flowers surrounded by green that form in showy umbellated clusters, often one per plant.



**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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