



# Pearl Vine Milkweed

*Matelea reticulata*



**Plant Type:** Perennial



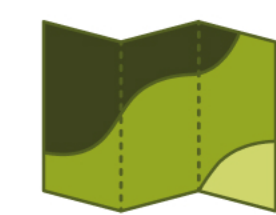
**Bloom Season:** April – July



**Plant Height:** 1-3 ft. tall



**Plant Spread:** 18 in. wide



**Larval Host:** Monarch, Queen



**Use:** Erosion Control



**Planting Depth:** Dig a hole as deep as the pot the plant came in, and twice as wide.



**Soil Conditions:** Well-drained, sand, loam, clay, caliche



**Light Requirement:** Full sun



**Water Requirement:** Low to medium



**Attracts:** Butterflies, Bees



**Seeds:** When mature, the pods split open naturally, sending seeds off on tiny, white, flossy parachutes.



**Plant Resistance:** Deer, Rabbit



**Maintenance:** Dies back in the winter and returns in the spring from tuberous roots. Cut back dead growth, if desired.

**Resilience:** From droughts to the deepest of freezes, these Texas-natives are capable and resilient.



**Planting Tips:** Plant this romantic climber along fence lines or at the base of large shrubs or small trees. Keep your eyes peeled for their dreamy, star-shaped flowers adorned with pearly centers!

**Growing Comments:** Milkweeds will inevitably have aphids. The insects are not a problem unless the plant looks sick; an effective treatment is to roll them off with a Q-tip or blast them off with a water stream. This valuable native is a slow grower. Year 1, it sleeps. Year 2, it creeps. Year 3, it leaps!