



Purple Milkweed Vine

Matelea biflora



Plant Type: Perennial



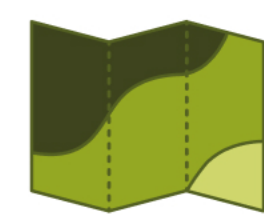
Bloom Season: Mar – June



Plant Height: 4-6 in. tall



Plant Spread: Up to 2 ft.



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, part-shade



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 summer and returns in the spring from tuberous roots. Cut back dead growth, if needed.

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



Planting Tips: Plant with Spring, Summer, and Fall blooming nectar plants for year-round action. Don't forget the grasses and ground-covers to add shelter and support to your habitat. We love this demure trailing milkweed darling as ground creeper, or in pots combined with other small nectars like Frog Fruit, Tropical Salvia or Four-Nerve Daisies.

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!