



Butterflyweed Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa



Plant Type: Perennial



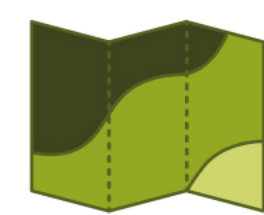
Bloom Season: May – Sept



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



Light Requirement: Full, partial, dappled



Water Requirement: Low to medium



Attracts: Butterflies, Bees



Seeds: In the fall, long, narrow seed pods will form. When mature, the pod splits 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 next to other mid-sized perennials like Purple Coneflower and Mealy Blue Sage for gorgeous and impactful power combos. Can grow in yards/land, in pots or raised garden beds. Suggestion to plant along the habitat perimeter.

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!