

## Milkweed - Monarch's

- Milkweeds Native to Wisconsin (13 milkweed species) 1 non-aggressive (close neighbor introduced)
  - Swamp/Rose, Butterfly, Common, Poke, Whorled are the most common
  - Each has a bit different bloom time and location where they live naturally
    - *Asclepias amplexicaulis* - Claspig - Soils: Sandy; dry Habitat: grasslands, savannas, woodland edges. 3' Tall Max.
    - *Asclepias asperula* - Antelope-horns (Spider) milkweed - Typically 1-2ft tall - **Southwestern United States**
    - *Asclepias incarnata* - Swamp/Rose/Red - Soils: Silty to loamy or clayey: moist-wet, tolerates some mesic Habitat: Moist prairies, marshes, ditches, edges of ponds, lakes, streams.
    - *Asclepias hirtella* - Green - Soils: Sandy, rocky to clay; dry-wet. Habitat: Prairies, meadows, open woods, disturbed areas, railways. It tends to grow in light to moderate shade, but tolerates full sun
    - *Asclepias exaltata* - Poke - Soils: All Habitat: upland woods to rich woodland openings, dappled to full shade.
    - *Asclepias lanuginosa* - Woolly - Soils: rocky soil Habitat: sunny; dry prairies, open woods 10-12" Tall **Rare in WI**
    - *Asclepias quadrifolia* - Four leaf - Soil: dry, rocky, open woods, often inhabiting slopes and ridges 1-2.5' T **Just South & East of WI**
    - *Asclepias ovalifolia* - Oval leafed - High Quality prairies and savannas, prefers open sun and frequent wildfire. **Rare in WI**
    - *Asclepias purpurascens* - Purple - Soils: Loamy to clayey Habitat: Oak Savannah, woodland edges, savannas **Endangered**
    - *Asclepias speciosa* - Showy - Habitat: along canal banks and riparian sites and in sub-irrigated or occasionally flooded wetlands with sedges and rushes. **(West of Wisconsin) Introduced to WI**
    - *Asclepias stenophylla* - Narrow-leaved - Habitat: sun, dry hill prairies 1-2' Tall **Just West and South of WI**
    - *Asclepias sullivantii* - Prairie - Soils: Sandy clay or loamy: mesic-moist Habitat: prairies, wet meadows. 4' Tall Max
    - *Asclepias syriaca* - Common - Soils: All Habitat: All, disturbed areas.
    - *Asclepias tuberosa* - Butterfly - Soils: Sandy, loamy, rocky, dry-mesic; Habitat: Prairies, old fields, open woods
    - *Asclepias variegata* - Redring/White-Flowered - Soil: dry clay, loam, or rocky soil Habitat: Full sun to light shade, upland forests and woodland edge habitats, sandy open ground, ravine bottoms, low woods, slopes, ridges and roadsides. 1-3' Tall. **SE United States**

- *Asclepias verticillata* - Whorled - Soils: Sandy, rocky, clayey; dry-mesic  
Habitat: Prairies, open woods, fields, flood plains, glades, railways,  
disturbed areas.
- *Asclepias viridiflora* - Green Comet - Sandy, Rocky, dry; prairies, old  
fields, dunes, open woods 3' Tall