

narrow leaf milkweed

Asclepias fascicularis

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Plant Description

- **Plant Type:** Perennial herb
- **Size:** 1.7 - 3.3 ft tall, 1 ft wide
- **Flower Color:** White, Lavender
- **Flowering Season:** Summer, Fall
- **Dormancy:** Winter Deciduous

Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full Sun



Moisture
Low, Moderate
- High



Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once
established



Soil Drainage
Fast, Medium, Slow

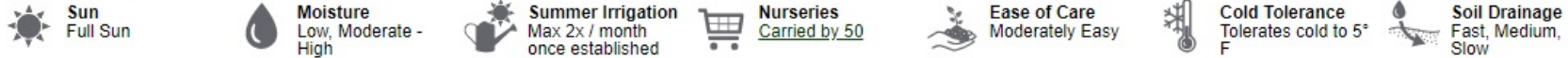
FIRST YEAR PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS: It takes about one year for native milkweed plants to get established!

1. Wait until the last frost has passed before planting.
2. Dig into the ground to loosen soil. Mix planting location soil with a nice organic potting soil (1:1 ratio).
3. Remove milkweed start from pot/tray, place in hole and cover with soil mixture up to the base of the stem.
4. Water the milkweed in after planting. Log your planting on the **Monarch Milkweed Mapper**: <https://www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org/>
5. Keep ground evenly moist for the first 2 weeks after planting, and then water 1-2 times per week or as needed based on plant behavior.
6. Cut plants down to 3" above the ground in late November. **These perennial plants go dormant in the Winter, but will reemerge in the Spring!**
7. If you have questions, contact the Western Monarch Society of Napa County: westernmonarchsociety@gmail.com or visit www.westernmonarchs.org



Narrow Leaf Milkweed, *Asclepias fascicularis*

Landscaping Information



Soil Description
Tolerates a variety of soils including sandy, clay and saline. Tolerates Saline Soil. Soil PH: 6.0 - 8.0

Common uses
Butterfly Gardens, Deer Resistant, Bird Gardens

Companion Plants
Works well with a wide variety of other plants, but is best used where its winter leaf loss and summer consumption by caterpillars will not be the center of attention. Also, plant a number of Milkweeds in proximity so that caterpillars will have a sufficient amount to eat. Use with showy, nectar-rich plants that will attract adult Monarchs, such as Indian Mallow ([Abutilon palmeri](#)), [Ceanothus sp.](#), Western Thistle ([Cersium occidentale](#)), [California Aster](#) ([Corethrogyne filaginifolia](#)), [California Fuchsia](#) ([Epilobium canum](#)), [Buckwheat](#) ([Eriogonum sp.](#)), Mint ([Monardella sp.](#)), Monkeyflower ([Mimulus sp.](#)), [Penstemon sp.](#), Sages ([Salvia sp.](#)), [Apricot Mallow](#) ([Sphaeralcea ambigua](#))

Maintenance
It is crucial to not use any pesticide on this plant or in its vicinity because doing so will be fatal to Monarch caterpillars.

Propagation?
For propagating by seed: No treatment. Seeds need light to germinate so just gently press them into the soil on their sides without burying them. Keep soil moist. Some seeds germinate in as little as 2 weeks after planting, but others in the same bed may continue to germinate for 1-2 months after that.

Sunset Zones?
3*, 7*, 8*, 9*, 10, 14*, 15*, 16, 17, 18*, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Natural Setting

Site Type
Found in many settings including valleys, foothills, canyons, mountains, often dry areas, occasionally in wetlands

Climate
Annual Precipitation: 3.8" - 117.4", Summer Precipitation: 0.13" - 3.60", Coldest Month: 23.0" - 59.2", Hottest Month: 42.6" - 87.9", Humidity: 0.47" - 40.28", Elevation: -180" - 11144"

Alternative Names

Common Names: Mexican Whorled Milkweed, Narrow-leaf Milkweed, Narrow-leaved Milkweed, Narrowleaf Milkweed

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showy milkweed

Asclepias speciosa

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Plant Description

- **Plant Type:** Perennial herb
- **Size:** 4 - 6 ft tall, 4 ft wide
- **Form:** Upright, Spreading, Upright Columnar
- **Growth Rate:** Moderate
- **Flower Color:** White, Pink, Purple
- **Flowering Season:** Summer
- **Dormancy:** Winter Deciduous

Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full Sun



Moisture
Low



Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Fast, Medium

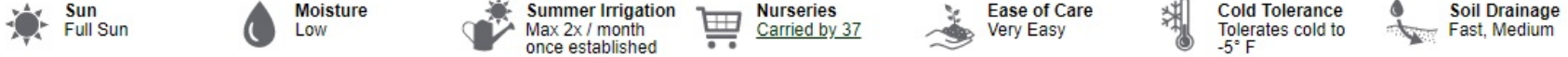
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Showy Milkweed, *Asclepias speciosa*


Landscaping Information




 **Soil Description**
Tolerates clay soil but performs best with good drainage. Soil PH: 6.0 - 8.5


Common uses
Butterfly Gardens, Deer Resistant, Bird Gardens

 **Maintenance**
If a clump becomes too large, excess rootstock can be pruned during the winter when the plant is dormant

 **Propagation?**
from seed there are two options A. Place the seeds on a bowl with lid in some water or a damp paper towel and place in the fridge for a few weeks or until sprouted. When sprouted place the sprouts flat on their sides into some damp soil. Cover with a very thin layer of soil. These plants should be planted directly into the ground. They don't transplant well due to long roots (rhizomes) B. Throw seeds onto desired area during the cold months of the year and allow the rain to water them Plant in full sun

 **Sunset Zones?**
1, 2*, 3*, 4, 5, 6*, 7*, 8*, 9*, 10*, 14*, 15*, 16, 17, 18*, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Natural Setting

 **Site Type**
Flats, meadows, seasonally moist soils, typically in mountainous areas, although it is also found in the central valley

 **Climate**
Annual Precipitation: 4.9" - 99.5", Summer Precipitation: 0.22" - 2.81", Coldest Month: 26.6" - 50.5", Hottest Month: 49.6" - 76.3", Humidity: 0.35" - 30.15", Elevation: 17" - 7825"

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kotolo milkweed

Asclepias eriocarpa

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Plant Description

- **Plant Type:** Perennial herb
- **Size:** 1.3 - 3 ft tall, 1 ft wide
- **Form:** Upright Columnar
- **Flower Color:** Cream, Pink, White
- **Flowering Season:** Summer
- **Dormancy:** Winter Deciduous

Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full Sun, Part
Shade



Moisture
Very Low



Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once
established



Soil Drainage
Fast, Medium, Slow

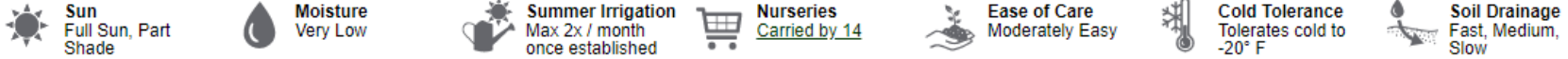
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Kotolo Milkweed (Woollypod or Indian Milkweed), *Asclepias eriocarpa*

Landscaping Information



Sun
Full Sun, Part Shade

Moisture
Very Low

Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month once established

Nurseries
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Ease of Care
Moderately Easy

Cold Tolerance
Tolerates cold to -20° F

Soil Drainage
Fast, Medium, Slow

Soil Description
Tolerates a variety of soils including clay. Soil PH: 6.0 - 7.0

Common uses
Butterfly Gardens, Deer Resistant, Bird Gardens

Companion Plants
Many companions including Pines (*Pinus sp.*), Fir (*Abies sp.*), Oak (*Quercus sp.*), Sagebrush (*Artemisia sp.*), Manzanita (*Arctostaphylos sp.*), Encelia sp., Yerba Santa (*Eriodictyon sp.*), Woolly Bluecurls (*Trichostema lanatum*), and many others

Maintenance
It is recommended that no pest control be used because this species is host plant to the Monarch butterfly and will be eaten by Monarch caterpillars

Propagation?
For propagating by seed: No treatment.

Sunset Zones?
7*, 8*, 9*, 10, 14*, 15*, 16, 17, 18*, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Natural Setting

Site Type
Dry open places such as grasslands, openings in woodlands or chaparral

Climate
Annual Precipitation: 6.1" - 67.8", Summer Precipitation: 0.13" - 2.99", Coldest Month: 33.1" - 54.2", Hottest Month: 55.2" - 80.2", Humidity: 0.36" - 29.07", Elevation: 22" - 8798"

Alternative Names

Common Names: Indian Milkweed, Woollypod Milkweed

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