

Eastwood's Milkweed

Asclepias eastwoodiana Barneby

Great Basin Milkweed

A Nevada endemic of barren volcanic gravel and clay flats in the central Great Basin, forming low gray-green tufts with dusky maroon and cream flowers. Known from a small number of populations and tracked as a sensitive species.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native, rare	Height	6in-1.2ft
Flowers	maroon, cream	Bloom	May to June
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	5-8	Leaves	opposite, ovate
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	60 days cold-moist	States	1

How to identify it

- Low, tufted habit on bare volcanic or ash-derived soils.
- Greyish, softly hairy, broadly oval leaves.
- Small flowers with maroon corolla lobes and pale cream hoods.

Ecology

A narrow endemic of a habitat type increasingly targeted for mineral exploration. Its pollinators and larval use are poorly documented.

Growing

Not in cultivation, and should not be collected.

Cautions

A restricted Nevada endemic. Record and report sightings rather than collecting.

Where it grows

Nevada

More photographs



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