

Feay's Milkweed

Asclepias feayi Chapm. ex A. Gray

Florida Milkweed

A Florida endemic of pine flatwoods and sandhill with hair-fine leaves and delicate white flowers flushed pink, so slender that the plant almost disappears into the wiregrass.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	8in-2ft
Flowers	white, pink	Bloom	April to September
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	8-10	Leaves	opposite, threadlike
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	None needed	States	1

How to identify it

- Extremely fine, thread-like opposite leaves.
- Small white flowers with a pink or lavender tinge, in airy clusters.
- Florida pine flatwoods, sandhill and dry prairie, statewide except the far west.

Ecology

A fire-maintained flatwoods species and a genuine Florida endemic, used by monarchs and queens through the long southern season.

Growing

Occasionally offered by Florida native nurseries. Needs sand, sun and no irrigation. Fresh seed germinates without chilling.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

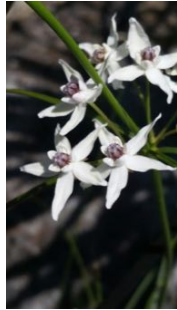
Where it grows

Florida

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