

Largeflower Milkweed

Asclepias connivens Baldwin

Largeflower Green Milkweed

A wet pine savanna milkweed with unusually large, pale green, cup-shaped flowers whose hoods lean inward and meet over the center, a structure found nowhere else in the genus.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	1ft-2.5ft
Flowers	green, white	Bloom	May to August
Light	Full sun	Soil	Wet, Average
USDA zones	8-10	Leaves	opposite, oblong
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	5

How to identify it

- Flowers noticeably large for a green milkweed, with hoods converging over the top.
- Few flowers per cluster, giving an open, sculptural look.
- Restricted to wet pine flatwoods and savanna on the coastal plain.

Ecology

A specialist of intact, regularly burned wet savanna, an increasingly rare habitat.

Growing

Not in general cultivation.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

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