

Longhood Milkweed

Asclepias macrotis Torr.

A slender limestone-canyon milkweed of west Texas, New Mexico and southern Colorado, with thread-like leaves and small pale flowers whose unusually long hoods give it its name.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	8in-1.7ft
Flowers	green, cream	Bloom	April to August
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	6-9	Leaves	opposite, threadlike
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	4

How to identify it

- Very long, projecting hoods on small greenish flowers.
- Wiry sprawling stems with thread-fine opposite leaves.
- Restricted to limestone outcrops and rocky canyon slopes.

Ecology

A localised desert-canyon species of limited but real value to monarchs and queens moving through the Southwest.

Growing

Not in cultivation.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas

More photographs



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