

Longleaf Milkweed

Asclepias longifolia Michx.

A slim coastal plain milkweed of damp pine savanna, with long narrow leaves and greenish-white flowers heavily washed in purple, borne in nodding clusters from the upper leaf axils.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	1ft-2.5ft
Flowers	green, purple, white	Bloom	April to July
Light	Full sun	Soil	Wet, Average
USDA zones	7-10	Leaves	opposite, narrow
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Fibrous, clump-forming and easy to move
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	13

How to identify it

- Long, narrow, closely spaced opposite leaves.
- Flowers green-white strongly tinted purple, in drooping axillary clusters.
- Moist pine savanna and flatwoods.

Ecology

Another fire-dependent coastal plain species with a shrinking habitat base.

Growing

Seldom cultivated.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia

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