

Mahogany Milkweed

Asclepias hypoleuca (A. Gray) Woodson

White-leaf Milkweed

A handsome sky-island milkweed whose broad leaves are conspicuously white beneath, carrying nodding clusters of deep mahogany-red flowers with pale cream hoods through the monsoon season.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	1ft-2.5ft
Flowers	maroon, cream	Bloom	June to September
Light	Part shade, Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	6-9	Leaves	opposite, ovate
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	2

How to identify it

- Leaf undersides distinctly white or chalky, which is the giveaway character.
- Flowers rich mahogany-brown to maroon with contrasting cream hoods.
- Oak woodland and canyon slopes in the Arizona and New Mexico mountains.

Ecology

A monsoon-season host and nectar source in the borderland sky islands, where it often grows alongside Lemmon's milkweed.

Growing

Occasionally offered by specialist Southwest nurseries. Needs sharp drainage and light shade at low elevation.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Arizona, New Mexico

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