

Michaux's Milkweed

Asclepias michauxii Decne.

Southern Milkweed

A slender pine-flatwoods milkweed of the coastal plain with very narrow leaves and small dusky pink-green flowers, dependent on regular fire to keep its habitat open.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	8in-1.7ft
Flowers	pink, green	Bloom	April to July
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry, Average
USDA zones	7-10	Leaves	opposite, threadlike
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	5

How to identify it

- Narrow, almost grass-like opposite leaves on a short upright stem.
- Small flowers in a loose terminal cluster, dull pink over green.
- Found in frequently burned pine flatwoods and savanna.

Ecology

A fire-dependent species that declines quickly where prescribed burning stops.

Growing

Rarely cultivated.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina

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