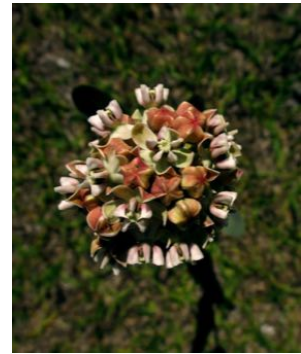


Nodding Milkweed

Asclepias glaucescens Kunth

Glaucous Milkweed

A stout borderland milkweed with thick blue-gray leaves and heavy nodding clusters of greenish-white flowers, growing in oak woodland and canyon grassland in the Arizona and New Mexico sky islands.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	1ft-3ft
Flowers	green, white	Bloom	June to September
Light	Part shade, Full sun	Soil	Dry, Average
USDA zones	6-10	Leaves	opposite, ovate
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	2

How to identify it

- Thick, waxy, distinctly blue-gray (glaucous) leaves.
- Flower clusters nod downward on stout stalks.
- Sturdier and broader-leaved than the other borderland species.

Ecology

A monsoon-season host that provides substantial leaf area at a time when the desert below is exhausted.

Growing

Rarely offered; needs sharp drainage and summer moisture.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Arizona, New Mexico

More photographs



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