

Pineland Milkweed

Asclepias obovata Elliott

Obovate Milkweed

A modest greenish-yellow-flowered milkweed of dry southeastern pinelands and sandy roadsides, with softly hairy paddle-shaped leaves.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	1ft-2.5ft
Flowers	green, yellow	Bloom	June to August
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	7-9	Leaves	opposite, oblong
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	7

How to identify it

- Leaves broadest above the middle, blunt-tipped and downy.
- Greenish-yellow flowers in small axillary clusters.
- Dry sandy pine woods and their margins.

Ecology

A summer-blooming host in southern pine country, used by monarchs and queens.

Growing

Occasionally offered by southeastern native nurseries.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas

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