

Slimpod Milkweed

Asclepias quinqueidentata A. Gray

Fivetooth Milkweed

A slight, wiry milkweed of Arizona and New Mexico mountain woodland with very narrow leaves and small cream-green flowers, producing the exceptionally slim pods that give it its name.



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Key facts

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

How to identify it

- Very narrow opposite leaves on thin, often leaning stems.
- Small cream to greenish flowers in sparse clusters.
- Pods notably slender and pencil-thin.

Ecology

A minor but genuine monsoon-season host in southwestern mountain woodland.

Growing

Not in cultivation.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Arizona, New Mexico

More photographs



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