

Sperry's Milkweed

Asclepias sperryi Woodson

A rare Trans-Pecos endemic of limestone ridges and rocky slopes in far west Texas, with thread-fine leaves and small cream flowers, known from very few localities.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native, rare	Height	8in-1.7ft
Flowers	cream, green	Bloom	May to August
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	7-9	Leaves	opposite, threadlike
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	1

How to identify it

- Thread-fine opposite leaves on slender clustered stems.
- Small cream-green flowers in sparse terminal clusters.
- Limestone slopes and ridges in the Trans-Pecos.

Ecology

A narrow Texas endemic with little documented ecology and a small known range.

Growing

Not in cultivation; leave wild plants undisturbed.

Cautions

A rare Texas endemic. Photograph and report rather than collect.

Where it grows

Texas

References

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