

Texas Milkweed

Asclepias texana A. Heller

A refined Edwards Plateau endemic with thin dark green leaves and clean white flower clusters, growing in limestone canyons and creek beds through the Texas Hill Country.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	1ft-3ft
Flowers	white	Bloom	May to September
Light	Part shade, Full sun	Soil	Dry, Average
USDA zones	7-9	Leaves	opposite, ovate
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	2

How to identify it

- Pure white flowers in neat rounded clusters.
- Thin, dark green, pointed leaves on a slender branching stem.
- Limestone canyons, seeps and rocky stream banks in central Texas.

Ecology

A localised but valuable summer host and nectar plant in Hill Country canyon habitats.

Growing

A good, well-mannered garden plant for central Texas, taking part shade and limestone soil.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

New Mexico, Texas

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