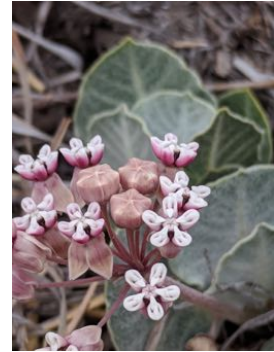


Tufted Milkweed

Asclepias nummularia Torr.

Roundleaf Milkweed

One of the smallest milkweeds in North America, a low tuft of tiny round woolly leaves on rocky Arizona desert slopes, easy to walk past even in flower.



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Key facts

Field	Value	Field	Value
Status	Native	Height	2in-8in
Flowers	cream, green	Bloom	April to August
Light	Full sun	Soil	Dry
USDA zones	7-10	Leaves	opposite, orbicular
Sap	Milky latex	Roots	Deep taproot, resents transplanting
Stratification	30 days cold-moist	States	1

How to identify it

- Tiny, nearly circular, densely hairy leaves.
- Whole plant usually under six inches tall.
- Rocky slopes and desert grassland in central and southern Arizona.

Ecology

A poorly documented Sonoran Desert specialist of limited but real value to desert pollinators.

Growing

Not in cultivation.

Cautions

Standard milkweed cautions.

Where it grows

Arizona

More photographs



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