

Milkweed of Colorado

19 species recorded. USDA zones 3a-7a. Monarch flyway: both. Sow seed outdoors September to November, before the ground freezes.



Swamp Milkweed. Superior National Forest. CC BY 2.0. Wikimed

Native species

- ☐ **Swamp Milkweed**
Asclepias incarnata - 3ft-5ft - pink, rose, white - June to September - Wet/Average soil
- ☐ **Butterfly Weed**
Asclepias tuberosa - 1ft-3ft - orange, yellow, red - May to September - Dry/Average soil
- ☐ **Showy Milkweed**
Asclepias speciosa - 2ft-5ft - pink, rose - May to August - Average/Dry soil
- ☐ **Antelope Horns**
Asclepias asperula - 1ft-2ft - green, cream, maroon - March to July - Dry soil
- ☐ **Green Antelopehorn**
Asclepias viridis - 1ft-2.5ft - green, purple - April to July - Dry/Average soil
- ☐ **Common Milkweed**
Asclepias syriaca - 3ft-6ft - pink, mauve, white - June to August - Dry/Average soil
- ☐ **Whorled Milkweed**
Asclepias verticillata - 1ft-2.5ft - white, green - June to September - Dry/Average soil
- ☐ **Hall's Milkweed**
Asclepias hallii - 1.5ft-3ft - pink, mauve - June to August - Dry soil
- ☐ **Green Comet Milkweed**
Asclepias viridiflora - 1ft-3ft - green - May to August - Dry soil
- ☐ **Broadleaf Milkweed**
Asclepias latifolia - 1ft-3ft - green, cream - May to August - Dry soil
- ☐ **Sand Milkweed**
Asclepias arenaria - 1ft-2.5ft - cream, green - June to August - Dry soil
- ☐ **Plains Milkweed**
Asclepias pumila - 4in-1ft - white, cream - June to September - Dry soil
- ☐ **Engelmann's Milkweed**
Asclepias engelmanniana - 2ft-5ft - green, yellow - June to August - Dry soil
- ☐ **Slimleaf Milkweed**
Asclepias stenophylla - 1.5ft-3.3ft - cream, green - June to August - Dry soil
- ☐ **Poison Milkweed**
Asclepias subverticillata - 1ft-3ft - white, green - June to September - Dry soil
- ☐ **Pallid Milkweed**
Asclepias cryptoceras - 4in-1ft - cream, pink - April to June - Dry soil
- ☐ **Dwarf Milkweed**
Asclepias involucrata - 4in-10in - green, cream - April to June - Dry soil

☐ **Longhood Milkweed**

Asclepias macrotis - 8in-1.7ft - green, cream - April to August - Dry soil

☐ **Wheel Milkweed (rare / protected)**

Asclepias uncialis - 2in-6in - maroon, green - April to June - Dry soil

Notes

Full species accounts, range maps and photographs: <https://milkweedusa.com/states/colorado/>