



Native Plant of the Year:
Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata



Photos courtesy of Judy Semroc (top), Brian Parsons (bottom left), and Becky Donaldson (bottom right)

Unique Characteristics

Naturally found in low spots or moist areas in full sun, milkweed is also adaptable to drier conditions. The bright pink flowers are attractive from July to September.

This plant is recommended for landscapes prone to deer damage.

Plant type: herbaceous perennial

Native range: widely distributed across United States and Canada

Sun: full sun

Water: medium to wet

Soil: medium to wet soils; tolerates clay soil

pH: 5 to 8

Height: 4 to 5 feet

Wildlife: important food source for numerous native pollinators; host plant for the caterpillar of the monarch butterfly

Hardiness zones: 3 to 6

Bloom time: July to September

Bloom color: pink, white

Uses: rain gardens; is a good component of wildlife seed mixes when combined with native grasses and wildflowers

