

Red Milkweed

Asclepias incarnata



- Light: Full Sun, Partial Sun
Soil: Rich Loam, Sandy Loam
Moisture: Wet, Medium-Wet, Medium
Benefits: Butterflies, Bees, Birds, Pollinators
Height: 4'
Blooms: Jun, Jul, Aug
Zones: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Color: Pink
Spacing: 18" to 36"
Root: Taproot



Also known as Swamp Milkweed or Rose Milkweed, Red Milkweed has a lovely vanilla fragrance and is a larval host for Monarch and Swallowtail butterflies. In addition, the plant has been designated as special value to native bees, bumble bees and honey bees by the Pollinator Program of The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Growing best in wetter conditions, Red Milkweed will tolerate temporary flooding and is a great choice for rain gardens and low spots or other moist areas in the landscape. Once established, the plant will be difficult to transplant due to its taproot.

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