



# Showy Milkweed

*Asclepias speciosa*

Light:	Full Sun
Soil:	Loam, Sand, Clay
Moisture:	Medium, Medium-Dry, Dry
Benefits:	Pollinators, Butterflies, Hummingbirds, Deer Resistant
Height:	2' to 4'
Blooms:	Jul, Aug, Sep
Zones:	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Color:	Lavender, Pink, Pinkish-Purple
Spacing:	1' to 3'
Root:	Rhizome and Taproot

A member of the milkweed family of plants, Showy Milkweed is a butterfly magnet and a host plant for the Monarch butterfly. With blue-green leaves in spring, pretty pinkish-purple flowers in summer and bright gold leaves in fall, this plant provides a three-season interest in a butterfly or native plants garden.

Showy Milkweed needs full sun and can handle most soil types. It is less assertive than Common Milkweed and makes a wonderful plant for a home garden. The sap is toxic to mammals so deer will avoid it.

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