

Asclepias speciosa

Showy Milkweed



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| Plant type: | Perennial (may reseed) |
| Season of Interest: | Early to mid-summer |
| Height: 2-5' | Spread: 1-2' |
| Water needs: | Average |
| Native Region: | CO, AZ, NE NM, UT |
| Elevation: | to 8,600' |
| Important to know: | Host plant for monarch butterflies. Aggressive spreader-best used in open spaces; does not tolerate shade |



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| Maintenance: | Low |
| Characteristics: | Showy, fragrant |
| Garden Uses: | Beds/borders |
| Habitat: | Prairie, meadow, stream banks, ditches, roadsides |



Ease of Propagation: Medium

Propagation: Sow seeds outside in the fall; cover very lightly OR cold stratify 60 days OR skip cold stratification and after last frost, soak in tepid water 2-3 days, changing water daily until radicle emerges. Sow with very light cover. Seeds germinate best when temperatures are above 80°F day/ 60°F night.