

Asclepias tuberosa

Butterfly Weed/Milkweed



Plant type:	Perennial
Season of Interest:	Summer
Height: 1-2'	Spread: 1-2'
Water needs:	Low
Native Region:	CO, AZ, KS, NE, NM, OK, TX, UT
Elevation:	to 7,000'; cultivated to 8,000'
Important to know:	Host plant for monarch butterflies



Maintenance:	Low
Characteristics:	Showy, cut flowers
Garden Uses:	Beds/borders
Habitat:	Plains, open woodlands, canyons, Pinyon-Juniper

Ease of Propagation: Medium

Propagation: Store the seeds dry at 40°F for at least 2 months (no cold-moist stratification is necessary). Sow and cover very lightly when the temps are above 70°F, preferably 80°F+ at least part of the day. Seeds should germinate in 7-10 days. Alternatively, soak in tepid water 2-3 days, changing water daily until radicle emerges, then sow with very light cover.

