



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)



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Zone: 3-6

Color: Pink, white

Bloom Time: July to August

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 3-5' tall

Mature Spread: 2-3' wide

Water Use: Average to moderate

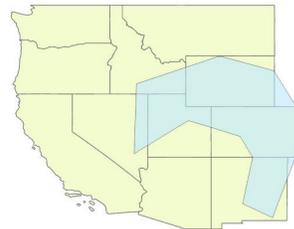
Soil Type: Moist clay and loam

Range and Native Habitat: The Swamp Milkweed occurs throughout the United States. It grows in swamps, marshes, bogs, fens, and along stream banks and ditches.

Suggested Maintenance: Cut back faded foliage in the fall by a third. The hollow stems provide nesting habitat for native bees and other insects. Spring clean-up should be delayed or the stems can be bunched and hung to allow emergence of over-wintering insects. The plant does not transplant well due to its deep tap-root. Clip the seed pods before they open if re-seeding is not desired.

Other: The Swamp Milkweed attracts a large number of bees, flies, and butterflies. The group of milkweed plants are critical host plants to the monarch caterpillar. The plant is toxic to livestock. This is a highly fragrant and desirable plant to beautify your garden.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun to part shade



Water Needs
Average to moderate



Summer Irrigation
Max 4x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Moderate



Propagation
By seed, 4-6 weeks stratification