



UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM

Antelope Horn Milkweed (*Asclepias asperula*)



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Zone: 4-9

Color: White to green

Bloom Time: May through July

Plant Type: Perennial herb

Mature Height: 1-2' tall

Mature Spread: 2-3' wide

Water Use: Low to medium

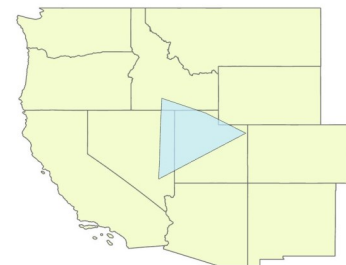
Soil Type: Rocky, sandy

Range and Native Habitat: Antelope horn milkweed has a fairly narrow range in the southwestern quadrant of the United States, primarily occurring in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada. It grows in desert shrub, sagebrush, pinyon-juniper mountain brush, and ponderosa pine communities.

Suggested Maintenance: Antelope horn milkweed is relatively disease free. It is susceptible to aphids but these typically do not affect the health of the plant. It requires little maintenance. To encourage new, tender growth for monarch larvae, cut back by one-third in July.

Other: Antelope horn milkweed gets its name from the seed pods, which curve to resemble antelope horns. The plant is a succulent and tolerates flood, drought, and alkaline soils. It is an excellent candidate for waterwise landscapes, requiring little water once established.

Distribution Map



Wildlife Supported



Landscaping Information



Sun
Full sun



Water Needs
Low to medium



Summer Irrigation
Max 1x / month once established



Soil Drainage
Well-drained



Propagation
By seed, 1 mo stratification.