



SEED OF THE MONTH:

Common Name: Butterfly Milkweed

Family: Asclepiadaceae

Genus: Asclepias

Height:

3 to 4 feet

Spacing:

6 "

Sun Exposure:

Full Sun

Bloom Color: Yellow and Orange

Bloom Time: Approximately 1 year after germination.

Other Details:

Grows commonly in dry, open habitats. Its unwanted pest is the orange aphid which can be removed with a blast of water. N Don't use soapy water or other pesticides on plant it will harm monarch larvae.

Soil Requirements: Does well in a variety of soils, from clay or rocky soil to sandy loam soi! (Does not like wet feet).

Water Requirements: Very drought tolerant, little water is needed for survival. If planted in a pot water once a week.

Propagation Methods:

This plant has a deep woody tap root and is difficult to grow from cuttings. It is easily propagated from seed and takes approximately 7 days to germinate.

Known Uses:

Native Americans harvested fibers from dried stems and wove them into ropes and weaving cloth. It also has some medicinal value when paired with skunk cabbage as a tea, treats chest inflammations. This medicinal composition led to its new name, "pleurisy root" and is listed in the American Pharmacopoeia and the National Formulary until 1936.

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