



## SEED OF THE MONTH:

**Common Name:** Crown Flower

**Scientific Name:** Calotropis gigantea

**Family:** Apocynaceae **Subfamily:** Asclepiadoidea

**Genus:** Calotropis

**Species:** gigantea

**Height:**

**Spacing:**

**Sun Exposure:**

8-10 Feet high

6-8 feet apart

full sun

**Bloom Color:** Purple

**Bloom Time:** Year-round.

### Other Details:

This plant has many xeric characteristics, white milky sap (latex), hairy leaf underside, silvery leaves, thick stalk, and leaf has a waxy topside! (Many xeric points).

**Soil Requirements:** It's very versatile, it can grow in amended rich soil and still survive nicely in sandy soil.

**Water Requirements:** In pot – 1 to 2 times per week.

In-ground normal weather conditions – Once established a good watering once every two weeks.

In-ground extreme heat – Once established a good watering 1 to 2 times per week.

Seed packet goes here

### Propagation Methods:

Let the seed pods dry on the tree and bag them to capture the seeds when the pod opens naturally. Crown Flower will also grow from herbaceous stem cuttings.

### Known Uses:

This plant is home to the Monarch Butterfly and its larvae. The flowers are often used in festive leis. Bees and birds are also attracted to this plant. A white milky sap called latex, that excretes from broken stems or leaves is poisonous and caution should be taken to not get in your eyes.