

Hosted Species



Monarch
(*Danaus plexippus*)



Queen Butterfly
(*Danaus gilippus*)

This species also hosts the Isabella Tiger Moth (*Pyrrharctia isabella*) and the Cecropia Silk Moth (*Hyalophora cecropia*).



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Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)

A host plant for the Monarch and Queen Butterflies and two moths.

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Range of Swamp Milkweed in the United States and Canada.



Habitat

Swamp Milkweed is found in places with moist soil, including the shores of streams, lakes, ponds, ditches, wet fields, and meadows.

Description

Swamp milkweed is a herbaceous perennial that grows from 3 to 5 feet tall. The opposite, simple, lanceolate, entire leaves range from 3 to 6 inches in length and are generally less than an inch in width.



Alternative Names

Rose Milkweed, Swamp Silkweed, White Indian Hemp, Rose Milkflower

Hardy in Zones: 3-9

Taxonomic History

Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) was originally described and named by Carl von Linnaeus in *Species Plantarum* (1753) as its current name. Two subspecies are recognized, the type species and *ssp. pulchra*. Numerous cultivars are present in the horticultural trade. It is a member of the Dogbane Family (*Apocynaceae*).



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