



Common Milkweed

(*Asclepias syriaca*)

- Grows 1.5m-2m in height
- Often found in sunny open areas, such as pastures, meadows, roadsides
- Wide, oval-shaped leaves up to 25cm long with a noticeable central vein and smaller veins running toward edges, veins sometimes tinged purple
- Smooth-edged leaves, not toothed
- Leaves are smooth on top, velvety texture on underside
- Stems and leaves release a milky-white sap when broken
- Plant stem does not branch except at flower stems
- Flowers are pinkish-purple



Swamp Milkweed

(*Asclepias incarnata*)

- Grows 1.5m in height
- Found in full sun or partial shade in moist or damp soils, such as along lakes, rivers, swamps, or drainage ditches - not in hot, dry spots
- Leaves can be up to 15cm in length (but are often shorter), are much narrower (1-4cm width) than common milkweed, and taper to a sharper point
- Smooth-edged leaves, not toothed
- Stems and leaves release a milky-white sap when broken
- Central stem may branch
- Flowers are pinkish-purple