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# Asclepias incarnata

## Swamp Milkweed



One of the most beautiful and showiest of the milkweeds, with large clusters of rose-pink flowers. Much-loved by butterflies and hummingbirds. Seedpods are attractive all winter. Found in wet sites in the wild, but will grow in ordinary, moist garden soil as well. Host plant for Monarch butterfly caterpillar.

**Suggested companions:** white turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*), marsh blazing star (*Liatris spicata*), blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*), mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: 4-5'    H  
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Very Damp/Wet  
Rich Moist

Flower Color:

Pink  
Purple

Bloom Time:

July  
August

Other Attributes:

Butterfly attracting  
Bird attracting  
Fragrant  
Winter interest

Habitat:

Wet Meadow  
Shrubby Wetland  
Streamside

Exposure: sun  
                  filtered

Plant in:

Groundcover: No