

# Rose Milkweed

Scientific Name: *Asclepias incarnata*



<u>Life Cycle</u>	<u>Plant Height</u>	<u>Plant Spacing</u>	<u>Soil Moisture</u>	<u>Sun Exposure</u>	<u>Bloom Period</u>
Perennial	4 feet	18- 36 inches	Wet- Medium	Full, Partial	June-August

*Asclepias incarnata*, Rose Milkweed, is also commonly called Red Milkweed, Marsh Milkweed, or Swamp Milkweed. That lovely vanilla fragrance you detect coming from large rosy pink flowers possibly hosting several Monarch or Swallowtail butterflies is Rose Milkweed. Like all members of the *Asclepias* genus, this milkweed is often used by Monarch butterflies as a host plant. This deer-resistant plant grows best in moist soils, but will tolerate average soils, and blooms for about a month midsummer. Later, large pods form which will break open to reveal seeds that will float away in the wind. If growing Rose Milkweed from seed, try fall planting, or if planting in spring be sure to first moist-cold stratify the seeds for a month. Large numbers of Rose Milkweed can often be seen growing in wetland settings.

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