

## Asclepias tuberosa

Common Name: *Butterfly Weed*

This bushy, 1 1/2-2 ft. perennial is prized for its large, flat-topped clusters of bright-orange flowers. This showy plant is frequently grown from seed in home gardens. Its brilliant flowers attract butterflies. Because its tough root was chewed by the Indians as a cure for pleurisy and other pulmonary ailments, Butterfly Weed was given its other common name, Pleurisy Root. Although it is sometimes called Orange Milkweed, this species has no milky sap.



### **Plant Details:**

*Asclepias tuberosa*

#### **Soil Type:**

Dry, Dry Mesic, Mesic

#### **Exposure:**

Full Sun, Partial Shade

#### **Bloom Period:**

Summer

#### **General Information:**

Mature Height: 2 Feet

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Butterfly Host: Yes

Flower Color: Orange

Fall Color: n/a