



Asclepias incarnata

Common Name: Swamp Milkweed

This perennial wildflower is highly variable in size (2-6' tall), depending on environmental conditions. The leaves are lanceolate in shape and smooth along their margins. Upper leaf surfaces are medium to dark green, although they can become yellowish green or pale green in response to bright sunlight and hot dry conditions. Upper stems terminate in pink bunches of flowers spanning about 2-3½" across. The blooming period occurs during late summer and lasts about a month. The flowers exude a pleasant fragrance that resembles cinnamon. Afterwards, successfully cross-pollinated flowers are replaced by seedpods that are 3-4" long. Each seedpod splits open along one side to release its seeds. These seeds have large tufts of white hair and they are distributed by the wind during the fall.

**Plant Details:**

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Soil Type: Mesic, Moist, Wet

Exposure: Full Sun

Bloom Period: June-August

General Information:

Mature Height: 3 Feet

Mature Width: 2 Feet

Flower Color: Pink

Butterfly Host: Yes