






ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA

Butterfly Milkweed


 Low to moderate water

 Full sun to part shade

 Attracts butterflies

 Rabbit resistant

 Deer resistant

 Native to Eastern North America

Why we love it...

This unique species of milkweed is native to eastern North America where it is frequently seen growing along roadsides and in open fields. Its perennial foliage emerges each spring from a hardy tuberous root that withstands temperatures much colder than our Arizona winter lows.

Surprisingly, butterfly milkweed's herbaceous stems lack the milky sap that we often see in other plants of this family, but this species still enjoys the milkweed's superior tolerance of heat, sun, and drought, as well as their resistance to the voracious appetites of rabbits and deer. Clusters of brilliant orange-red flowers will continue blooming throughout the summer, making this plant easy for birds and butterflies to spot from far away. Monarch butterflies are especially fond of milkweed, devouring foliage as caterpillars and then returning as adults to sip nectar and lay eggs.



Lydia says: Butterfly milkweed looks great in containers as long as it has adequate drainage. New plants are easy to grow from seed, but difficult to transplant once established in the ground.

This plant is included in our Civano Select™ collection. Civano Select™ plants are handpicked by our horticulturalist for quality, form and health!

Herbaceous perennial:
Asclepias tuberosa

Size (H x W): 2-3 feet x 1-2 feet

Blooms: Red-orange in summer

Exposure: Full sun to part shade

Hardiness Zone: -30° F, USDA Zone 4

Water: Low to moderate

Pruning: Early spring if necessary

Growth Rate: Moderate to fast



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