



Photo: Prairie Moon Nursery

Scientific name: *Asclepias incarnata*

Common name(s): Swamp/Rose Milkweed

Family: Apocynaceae (Dogbane)

Native: CO, common throughout much of North America

Habitat: Meadows, prairie, riparian, flooded plains margins

Swamp milkweed provides a midsummer show of fragrant pink flowers. This clumping native plant is deer and rabbit resistant, and tolerant of heavy clay soils. It prefers moist to wet conditions: plant in a sunny rain garden or at the base of a downspout to take advantage of heavy downpours. The flowers are a favorite nectar source for many butterfly species, and the plant serves as a host for Monarch and Queen butterflies.

Plant type: Perennial

Elevation: Native range to 5500', cultivated to 7000'

USDA Hardiness Zone: 3

Exposure: Full sun, part shade (prefers sun)

Soil: Thrives in rich, moist soil; tolerates heavy wet clay

Moisture: Wet, high, moderate, low

Flower color: Rose pink/fuchsia

Bloom time: Mid summer

Mature size (height x width): 2-4'+(+ if high H2O) x 2-3'



Propagation: *A. incarnata* seeds **require light** to germinate. Store seeds dry at 40° for 5-6 months then sow with **very light cover**, germinate at 75-85° OR cold stratify 30 days, sow at 75-85° with **very light cover** OR sow outside in the fall. *A. incarnata* transplants easily from root divisions.

