



**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.

