

Butterflyweed

Asclepias tuberosa



Monarch host plant with showy blooms in shades of orange

Butterflyweed is commonly found in pastures and on roadsides, highly visible due to the intense orange color of its blooms. Wild specimens tend to have only a few flower clusters, while a garden grown plant can have 18-20 or more, and these tend to open over an extended bloom time. Grows from a deep taproot, making it very difficult to transplant once established, so plant it where you want it to stay.



AKA Orange Milkweed

Grows 2-3 feet tall and wide.

Grows well in sun to part shade.

Highly deer resistant.

Clay buster.

Very drought tolerant once established.



Thrives in average to dry garden soil. Does not spread. Rarely reseeds. Try with Small's Beardtongue, Foxglove Beardtongue, Little Bluestem, Thread Leaved or Virginia Mountain Mint.