

Rose Milkweed



Asclepias incarnata

Well behaved and adaptable perennial and choice host plant for Monarchs



Often disfigured by the presence of oleander aphids. In a diverse landscape setting, predators will typically take care of these aphids before they are problematic. If they do seem to start damaging the plant, remove them by hand, or blast them off with a strong spray of water.

AKA Swamp or Red Milkweed.

Grows 3-4 feet tall, 3 feet wide.

Grows well in sun to part shade.

Deer resistant.

Plant a late bloomer like Raydon's Favorite Aster or Blue Mistflower in front of Milkweed to hide the plant after Monarch caterpillars strip it bare. It is adapted to this and will come back strong next season.



Rose Milkweed grows well in boggy soils, which is why it competes well in those environments in natural plant communities, but it also thrives in average garden soil, in rain gardens where it is sometimes inundated with water and sometimes dry as powder, and in droughty clay soils. Rose Milkweed can be up to 4 feet tall, with a stately shape that lends itself to garden design. Does not spread. Rarely reseeds. Try with Boneset, Self heal, and Raydon's Favorite or Smooth Aster.