MILKWEEDS AND MONARCHS
MADE EASY
Milkweeds in the Landscape

Caliche – Dry Soil - Gravel or Granite – Open Grassy Areas

- Antelope Horns
- Green Milkweed
- Hierba de Zizotes
- Wand Milkweed

Oak Motts – Hillsides – Dry Fields - Sandy Loam

- Texas Milkweed
- Butterfly Weed

Vines

- Pearl Milkweed Vine
- Purple Milkweed Vine
- Climbing Twine Vine

Riparian – Deep moist soil – Seeps

- Aquatic Milkweed
- Swamp Milkweed

Tropical Milkweed
Antelope Horn (Asclepias asperula)
Antelope Horns
Asclepias asperula
Perennial
Bloom March to May
8-24” tall
Low clumps 1-2’ across in open grassy areas
Antelope Horn Distribution in Texas
Green Milkweed (A. viridis)
Green Milkweed
Asclepias viridis
Perennial
1-2’ tall
Full sun, open grassy areas
Bloom April to September
Green Milkweed distribution in Texas
Hierba De Zizotes (Asclepias oenotheroides)
Hierba de Zizotes
Asclepias oenotheroides
Perennial
8-16” tall
Open grassy areas on dry soils and caliche
Bloom March to October
Hierba de Zizotes Distribution in Texas
Wand Milkweed (Asclepias viridiflora)
Wand Milkweed
Asclepias viridiflora
Perennial
1-3’ tall
Open, rocky, grassy areas, Xeric conditions
Bloom June to August
Wand Milkweed distribution in Texas
Texas or White Milkweed (Asclepias texana)
TEXAS MILKWEED
Texas Milkweed
Asclepias texana
Perennial
6-18” tall
Oak Motts, hillsides, dry fields
Bloom May to July
Texas Milkweed distribution in Texas
Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)
Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa
Perennial
10-20” tall
More common to E. Texas
Bloom May to September
Butterfly Weed distribution in Texas
Pearl Milkweed Vine (Matalea reticulata)
Pearl Milkweed Vine
Matelea reticulata
Perennial
Brushy, woody areas
Up to 12’
Bloom April to July
Pearl Milkweed Vine distribution in Texas
Purple Milkweed Vine (Matalea biflora)
Purple Milkweed Vine
Matelea biflora
Perennial
To 2’ long
Trails along the ground in open grassy areas
Bloom April to June
Purple Milkweed Vine distribution in Texas
Climbing Milkweed Vine
Sarcostemma cynanchoides
Perennial
3-6’ length
Climbs over bushes and small trees on sandy soils
Blooms May to September
Climbing Milkweed Vine distribution in Texas
Aquatic Milkweed (Asclepias perennis)
Aquatic Milkweed
Asclepias perennis
Perennial
3-6 ft tall
Hydrated soils, ditches, and wet lands
Bloom May to September
Aquatic Milkweed distribution in Texas
Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)
Swamp Milkweed
Asclepias incarnata
Perennial
2-5’ tall
Wet Meadow, Prairie, Field, Riparian, Swamp, Marsh
Swamp Milkweed distribution in Texas
Asclepias curissavica "Silky Gold"
All monarch life stages need shelter from predators and the elements. Planting milkweeds and nectar plants close together contributes to this shelter for monarchs and other wildlife.
Landscaping using nature as your guide......
To the garden……….
What can I do to help?

• Plant native milkweed for spring migration
• Avoid mowing roadsides with milkweed
• Collect milkweed seed pods and share
• Plant extra native nectar plants for spring and fall migration
• Report sightings of Monarchs to Journey North
• Monitor milkweed, Monarch larva and adults for the Monarch Larval Monitoring Project
• Develop a home or community Monarch Waystation
Monarchs in the Classroom