



SHOWY MILKWEED ASCLEPIAS SPECIOSA



**Milkweed is the only plant the monarch caterpillar can eat!
Please let them eat as much of your milkweed as they'd like!*

Please note:

It takes about one year for native milkweed plants to get established!
These perennial plants go dormant in the Winter, but will re-emerge in the Spring!

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wait until the last frost has passed before planting and dig into the ground to loosen soil. Mix planting location soil with a nice organic potting soil (1:1 ratio).
2. Remove milkweed start from pot/tray, place in hole and cover with soil mixture up to the base of the stem.
3. Water the milkweed in after planting.
4. Log your planting on the Monarch Milkweed Mapper: www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org
5. Keep ground evenly moist for the first 2 weeks after planting, and then water 1-2 times per week or as needed based on plant behavior.
6. Cut plants down to 3" above the ground in December.

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ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GROWING MORE PLANTS



PLANT FACTS

- **Plant Type:** Perennial herb
- **Size:** 4 - 6 ft tall, 4 ft wide
- **Form:** Upright, Spreading, Upright Columnar
- **Growth Rate:** Moderate
- **Flower Color:** White, Pink, Purple
- **Flowering Season:** Summer
- **Dormancy:** Winter Deciduous



Moisture
Low



Soil Drainage
Fast, Medium



Summer Irrigation
Max 2x / month
once established



Sun
Full Sun



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