

*VanZyverden's*  
ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA SUPPORT THE MONARCHS



BRING HOME THE BUTTERFLIES! Asclepias is also known by its common name “Milk Weed”, among several others. It is a herbaceous perennial. Multitasking milk weed attracts monarch butterflies that use the plant as a source for nectar. Monarch butterflies lay eggs on this plant, and in turn, the resulting larvae (Caterpillars) use the plant leaves as a food source. Plant en masse to create curb appeal and to help support threatened wild life. It is very easy to care for, deer and rabbit resistant, and will still flower while it produces seed-blossoms all season. Starting with our sizable roots instead of seed, they assure a full season of bloom. It can also be grown as a container plant.

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*Support the caterpillars and butterflies  
by planting a nectar source*

*Native exotic species*

*Can be grown as an annual as well in  
more northern regions*

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*About This Variety:* Asclepia tuberosa, commonly called butterfly weed, features bright orange flower clusters atop lance-shaped leaves. Immensely popular native plant. This specific variety is the most drought tolerant of all.

*Growing Instructions:* Plant Asclepias in the spring after all danger of frost has passed. Asclepias prefers full sun locations. The ideal soil is rich and porous and drains well, yet still holds enough water for the roots. If your soil is heavy clay and drains slowly, or very sandy and does not hold water, add organic soil amendments like peat moss or ground bark. Spread a 3-4 inch layer of soil amendment if needed and incorporate into the soil to a depth of 10 inches. Plant 2-3" deep and 12-20" apart. Cover with soil. Water thoroughly at planting. While actively growing, water frequently and thoroughly so that water will reach roots. Mulch to keep the soil cool and to prevent the soil from drying out. Apply fertilizer before and after flowering.

*Care Tip:* Asclepias perform best when they are given room to grow.

*Blooms:* Summer to Fall

*Exposure:* Full Sun

*Height:* Grows 20-24" tall

*Spacing:* Plant 12-20" apart, 2-3" deep

*USDA Zones:* Hardy in USDA zones 4-9

Guaranteed to grow 1 year from purchase if directions are followed. Any concerns related to quality and/or counts feel free to contact us.

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