

NARROWLEAF MILKWEED

ASCLEPIAS FASCICULARIS



NATIVE LOCALLY FOR US, NARROWLEAF MILKWEED IS AN EASY ONE TO GROW. IT IS A SAFE BET FOR PROVIDING A LARVAL FOOD SOURCE FOR MONARCH BUTTERFLIES IN OUR NECK OF THE WOODS AND THROUGHOUT THE WEST. (MONARCH CATERpillARS ARE DEPENDENT ON MILKWEEDS!) BECOMING A BUSHY 3' BY 3' PERENNIAL, IT IS TOPPED IN SUMMER BY EXOTIC AND PRETTY 2-3" BLOSSOMS IN VERY ROMANTIC SHADES OF GREEN TO WHITE TO SOFT PINK. DROUGHT TOLERANT AND DEER RESISTANT, IT IS ALSO QUITE TOLERANT OF MOIST SOIL, INCLUDING DENSE CLAY. ONCE ESTABLISHED, THE PLANT INCREASES ITS REACH BY RHIZOMES AND CAN FORM A COLONY WITH TIME. THE SEEDS, ONCE RIPE, BURST OUT OF THEIR PODS AND ARE CARRIED BY WIND ON THEIR SILKEN STRANDS TO GERMINATE READILY WHERE THEY LAND.

ZONES 6-10

SUN TO LIGHT SHADE

