

PERENNIAL

↑ **Height** 12-30"  
↔ **Width** 12-24" ↓

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# Asclepias tuberosa

Butterfly Milkweed,  
Butterfly Weed,  
Orange Milkweed













 **Family:** Apocynaceae/Dogbane

## Garden Companions

- Andropogon virginicus
- Schizachyrium scoparium
- Echinacea purpurea
- Coreopsis verticillata
- Solidago odora

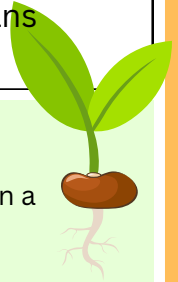
## Notes

- Growth habit: upright/clumping
- Tolerates average soil moisture but thrives in poor, sandy, dry soils
- Tolerates part sun but will bloom best in full sun
- Mature plant does not like to be transplanted
- Emerges late in spring
- Can be pruned (cut back about 1/3 of its height) in early summer to encourage plant to branch and keep height shorter
- Attracts beneficial insects
- Supports butterflies and bees at risk including Bombus Vagans

 Cape Cod Native	 Blooms July to August	 Keystone Plant Score: 12	
 Caterpillar/Moth Host Plant	 Provides Nest Site/ Nest Materials	 Hummingbird Favorite	
 Preferred by imperiled native bees and butterflies		 Recommended by Xerces Society	
 Rabbits may eat when plant is young	 Deer Resistant	 Drought Tolerant	 Salt Tolerant

## Propagation Information

- Seeds require 30-day cold stratification before germinating in a warm location
- Blooms in 2<sup>nd</sup> year
- Self-seeds slowly
- Can be propagated by cuttings



# Summer Bloomer

DRAWN FROM SEED



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Seeds



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Seedlings



Photo: Minnesota Flowers

Leaves



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Flower buds



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Blooming



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Seed pods

