

CALIFORNIA MILKWEED PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Placement for best results:



Poorly-drained soils – *A. speciosa*, *A. fascicularis*, *A. eriocarpa*
Medium-drained soils – *A. speciosa* and *A. fascicularis*
Well-drained soils – *A. speciosa*, *A. fascicularis* and *A. erosa*.



Full shade – No species
Partial shade – At least 6 hours full sun recommended
Full sun – All our milkweed species

Planting instructions:

Prepare your planting area first. Dig a hole that is slightly deeper than the pot. Add a small amount of compost or slow release plant food to the bottom of the hole. Place the plant in the hole and back fill with dirt. Place the back filled dirt at the same level as the dirt in the pot. Tamp the dirt around the plant gently. Water thoroughly. Place mulch* around the base of the plant. Water once per week for three weeks or until the plant is established. Once established, water only during periods of high heat or extreme drought.

*Mulching will reduce water loss and weed growth.

PLANT PROFILES FOR OUR CALIFORNIA MILKWEEDS:

Showy Milkweed, *Asclepias speciosa*

Height: Typically 1-1/2 -3 feet but can reach 6 feet in ditches and gardens.
Flowers: are usually pink, to red or purple.
Blooming Season: May – September.

Narrowleaf Milkweed, *Asclepias fascicularis*

Height: 2-3+ ft.
Flowers: Showy clusters white to pink.
Blooming Season: May through September.

Wooly Pod Milkweed, *Asclepias eriocarpa*

Height: 3-4 ft.
Flowers: Pink, white or cream colored.
Blooming Season: June through August.

Desert Milkweed, *Asclepias erosa*

Height: 1-1/2 – 4'ft.
Flowers: White to yellow.
Blooming Season: May to July

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