

Fewflower Milkweed

Asclepias lanceolata

Fewflower milkweed is a delicate perennial wildflower found in swamps and moist to wet pinelands and prairies throughout Florida. Its stunning orange to red flowers typically bloom late spring through fall. Larval host plant for monarch and queen butterflies, possible larval host of soldier butterflies. It is a nectar plant for monarch and other butterflies. It attracts many pollinators. Don't confuse this native with the non-native tropical or scarlet milkweed. Poisonous to humans and can be a problem for cats, dogs and horses.

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Type: short-lived perennial wildflower

USDA hardiness zones: 5 through 11

Uses: butterfly garden; pond; rain garden

Origin: native to Florida

Height: 2 to 4 feet **Spread:** 12 inches

Plant spacing: 12 inches

Light requirement: full sun to part shade

Soil tolerances: sand; moist; occasionally wet

Drought tolerance: low

Soil salt tolerances: none

Invasive potential: native

Pest resistance: no serious pest or disease problems



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