

Asclepias incarnata

Swamp milkweed



Summer Foliage



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Characteristics: Herbaceous, perennial, nonpersistent

Appearance:

Height - up to 6 ft.

Flower color - pink to purplish red

Flowering Period - June through August

Habitat (Community): fresh tidal marshes, nontidal marshes, wet meadows, shrub swamps, forested wetlands (clearings), shores and ditches

Hydrology

Indicator Status - Obligate wetland

Salinity - prefers fresh water

Nontidal regime: Irregularly, seasonally, or regularly inundated or saturated. When flooding is regular, only ground saturation is tolerated.

Wildlife Benefits: (Roots) food sparingly used for muskrats; (Nectar) food for butterflies.

Distribution: Nova Scotia to Manitoba and Utah, south to Florida, Louisiana, and New Mexico (varieties occur across this range)

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