

2024 Free Milkweeds for Schools & Non-profits

If you have not already done so, please visit our [information page](#) about this program. Once you have gathered photos, diagrams, and a letter of support, please apply for free milkweeds using this form. Applications will be reviewed and recipients will be notified early in the new year. Free milkweeds will be shipped in April and May.

* Indicates required question

1. Email *



Please read the following stipulations for receiving free milkweeds.

2. Home Schools are not eligible to receive this grant unless the garden is on public property. Each recipient is eligible for one free flat of milkweeds. Prior recipients are not eligible unless they are applying on behalf of a new location. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

3. If you receive free milkweeds you will be asked to complete a follow-up survey, for which you will submit photos of your progress, observations, successes and challenges, activities, and media coverage. Try to include people in your photos! *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

4. If you have a social media presence, or feature your garden in local media, please acknowledge the gift of milkweed plants from Monarch Watch. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

5. Native milkweed plants are perennials. They have a period of dormancy and a period when they are growing. They will appear "dead" when they are dormant, but they are not dead at all. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

6. Dormancy does not always happen only in the winter. It can also occur during a drought, extreme heat, or when the plant is moved to a new location. For example, most Texas species go dormant in the summer and winter and grow in spring and/or fall. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

7. Do not assume a milkweed is dead because it has lost its leaves. If you do so, you may discard living, valuable plants. White milkweed roots are living roots. *



Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

8. Our shipping contract is with UPS. Sometimes the plants are tossed around while in transit. Each plant will still be in the box, and will likely be alive, even if the stems are broken. Please locate each plant and do not discard plants because they were without soil for a short period of time, have broken stems, or missing leaves. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

9. The value of these plants is in their perennial roots. If the plants look too destroyed to survive, PLANT THEM ANYWAY. You cannot be certain that they are dead, but if you assume they are dead and discard them, they are certainly not going to live. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

10. Perennials come back from living roots every year. Annuals do not come back, except when they re-seed themselves. Do not place your milkweed in an area where they will be replaced annually by other plants. Place them in an area where they will thrive every year for many years to come. *

Mark only one oval.

I understand and accept.

11. Sometimes, when the plants arrive, they may have oleander aphids. Please plant the milkweeds and do not use pesticides to kill the aphids. *

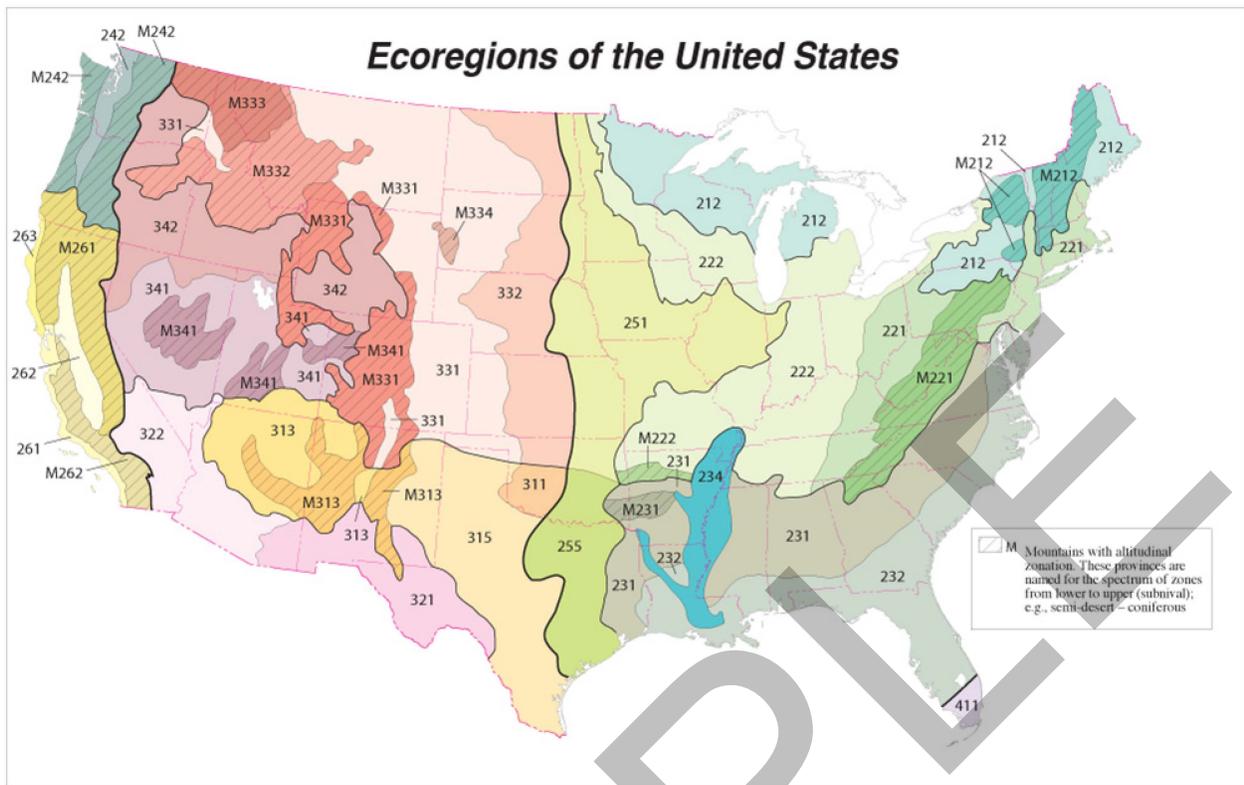


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I understand and accept.

Ecoregions

Monarch Watch accepts donations of native milkweed seed throughout the monarch breeding range. Our partner nurseries propagate these milkweeds. The plugs are then distributed back to the regions from which the seeds were collected. We cannot guarantee that we will have milkweeds available for all regions. We do not have milkweeds available for areas in and around the Rocky Mountains nor the Desert Southwest.



12. In which ecoregion are you located? If your ecoregion is not listed, we do not have * milkweeds for your area.

Mark only one oval.

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Organization

13. Please select all organization types that fit your project. *

Check all that apply.

- School
- Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO)
- Nature Center
- Formal Education
- Informal Education
- Library
- Zoo
- Community Garden
- National Recreation & Park Assoc. Member
- Church
- Homeowners Association
- Master Gardeners
- Master Naturalists
- Social Service Provider
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- Youth Organization
- Home School (only on public property)

14. Other (Please specify)

Contact Information

15. Organization name

16. Primary Contact's name *

17. Affiliation/Role *

18. Email *

19. Phone number *

20. Street Address *

21. Street Address Line 2

22. City *

23. State *

Mark only one oval.

24. Zip Code *

25. Will the milkweeds be shipped to the address above (must be a physical address, UPS cannot deliver to a PO box)?

Mark only one oval.

- Yes *Skip to question 35*
- No, I need to add a shipping address.

Shipping Information (if different from contact).

26. Organization name

27. Receiver's Name *

28. Email *

29. Phone number *

30. Street Address *

31. Street Address Line 2

32. City *

33. State *

Mark only one oval.

34. Zip Code *

Authority

Native milkweeds are perennials. If you are awarded free milkweeds, they will need to be planted in an area that will be maintained for years to come. Please provide assurance that the organization will maintain the garden.

35. Do you have the ultimate authority to make decisions about the property? *

Mark only one oval.

Yes, I have authority to make decisions about future maintenance of the property.

Skip to question 37

No, but I have support from that authority.

Authority Continued

36. Upload a letter of support from the person(s) who have authority over future maintenance of the property. *

Files submitted:

Garden Plans

37. Please describe your garden project. *

38. Select all educational components that apply to your garden project.

Check all that apply.

- Community Science (monarch tagging, Journey North, etc...)
- Multi-disciplinary Education (art, social studies, math)
- Incorporate Science Standards/Common Core
- Applied Sciences
- Signage/Kiosks
- Self-guided Tours
- Interpretive Programs
- Photography
- Experiential Learning
- Unguided Exploration
- Gardening Education
- After-school programs
- School Enrichment Programs
- Public Awareness
- Sensory Exploration
- Multi-use Garden (vegetables and pollinators)
- No educational component is planned.

39. Other (please specify)

40. Are the groundskeepers and/or maintenance personnel aware of the garden project and know not to mow, apply herbicides and insecticides or "weed" the designated milkweed habitat area? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

41. List five or fewer community partners below. These are people or organizations who are supporting the project with donations (businesses, PTO, municipality, etc...). If none, enter NA. *

42. List five or fewer volunteer affiliates that will be providing volunteer gardening expertise or labor (master gardeners, gardening committee, neighborhood associations, Green Team, etc...). If none, enter NA. *

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43. Do you have a person, group, or organization that has made commitments to the following? *

Mark only one oval per row.

	Yes	No
Garden Design	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Garden Promotion	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site Preparation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mulching, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regular watering, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regular weeding, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer Maintenance, long-term	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

General Site Description

44. Where will your garden be set? Select all that apply.

Check all that apply.

- Schoolyard
- Public Courtyard
- Building Entrance
- Community Garden
- Municipal Garden
- Commercial Property
- Park
- Other: _____

45. To what stage of garden will you be adding milkweeds? *

Mark only one oval.

- This is a new garden
- Adding milkweeds to existing garden
- Expanding existing garden

46. How many hours of sun will the garden have? Milkweeds need full sun. *

Mark only one oval.

- 0-3
- 3-6
- 6-8 (ideal)
- 8+

47. What type of beds will be used for your garden? Select all that apply. *

Check all that apply.

- Raised beds (must not have a bottom so roots may grow)
- Non-raised beds (ideal)

48. What is the total square footage of your garden bed(s)? You will need a minimum of approximately 100 square feet to accommodate 32 plugs. *

49. How will your garden be watered? *

Mark only one oval.

- Water will be transported to the site
- Water and hoses available on-site

50. Using the instructions below, please indicate the Latitude and Longitude of your garden site, which is more exact than an address. *

On your computer, open [Google Maps](#). Right-click (or control-click) on the garden location. To copy the coordinates automatically, click on the latitude and longitude. Paste below.

Example: 41.40338, -95.17403

51. Upload a photo of the entire garden site. The photo should include nearby structures and trees. *

Files submitted:

52. Upload a diagram of your garden design. *

Files submitted:

53. Is your site registered with Monarch Watch as a [Monarch Waystation](#)? *
If you are unsure, you may check our [registry](#).

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No (Please consider registering and installing a Monarch Waystation sign).

54. If yes, what is your Monarch Waystation number?

More than Milkweed!

Adult butterflies feed on nectar, which is found in blooming plants. We recommend 2-3 nectar plants for every one milkweed plant. Butterflies need nectar available throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

55. Indicate the number of species of blooming plants and when they bloom.

Mark only one oval per row.

	0-5	6-10	11-15	16+
Spring	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Summer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

56. List the species of blooming plants that will be, or are, in your garden. *

You are almost finished!

Use the back button to make corrections to your application.

Click the "Submit" button below when you are satisfied with your application.

You will receive a confirmation email with a copy of your responses. Please save it for future reference.

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