

Asclepias tuberosa - Plant



Its a Summer Blooming Plant which ttracts a wide range of beneficial pollinators and is a opular nectar source for many butterflies.

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Description

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Description for *Asclepias tuberosa*

Plant height: 3 - 6 inches

Plant spread:

Asclepias tuberosa, commonly called butterfly weed, is a tuberous rooted, Missouri native perennial which occurs in dry/rocky open woods, glades, prairies, fields and roadsides.

Butterfly gardens, meadows, prairies, or naturalized/native plant areas. Also effective in sunny borders.

Common name(s): butterfly weed

Flower colours: orange

Bloom time: June to August

Max reachable height: 1.00 to 2.50 feet

Difficulty to grow: easy to grow

Planting and care

Sow directly in fall, November is a good option for most regions.

Start seeds indoors 2 months before final frost- refrigerator cold stratification required.

Spring Sow seeds directly after final frost- don t forget to stratify first. Divide your butterfly weed.

Sunlight: Full sun

Soil: well-drained soil

Water: Dry to medium

Temperature: 40 Â°C or -40 Â°F

Fertilizer: Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for *Asclepias tuberosa*

- Grows well in sandy, well-draining soils.
- Fertilize with organic slow-release fertilizer.
- This can be a difficult choice in the wrong spot. However, it also can take awhile to get going. Give it 3 years to prove itâ€™s worthy for your garden.
- Since *tuberosa* can be temperamental about growing conditions, try planting in a couple different spots to see where it grows best.
- Transplant milkweed in early spring or fall for a higher survival rate.

Typical uses of *Asclepias tuberosa*

Special features: Unlike many of the other milkweeds, this species does not have milky-sapped stems.

Ornamental use: Butterfly weed makes a delightful cut flower. Strong color, Blooms ornamental, Showy, Long-living, Perennial garden.

Medicinal use: Harvest root in fall and dry for later herb use. The root is medicinal, it is antispasmodic, carminative, mildly cathartic, diaphoretic, diuretic, expectorant, tonic and vasodilator. Butterfly Weed Root is used internally in the treatment of diarrhea, dysentery, chronic rheumatism, and as an expectorant.

References

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Reviews

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