

*A Must-Have California Native Plant!*

# Showy Milkweed

*Asclepias speciosa*



**Description:** Showy Milkweed has distinctive flowers which are attractive to bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Its thick, fuzzy leaves provide food for the caterpillars of the endangered Monarch and Queen butterflies.



**Light:** Sun or Part Shade



**2** species of butterflies and moths can lay eggs on this plant.



**Featured Butterfly:** *Western Monarchs* can be seen in gardens across the West from March through November, sipping nectar from a variety of flowers and laying eggs on milkweed. For the remainder of the year they cluster in overwintering sites along the California coast.

**Keystone Plant:** This California native is a “must have” (host) plant for caterpillars, which, in turn, are the “must have” food for baby birds.

**Discover more at [BringingBacktheNatives.net](http://BringingBacktheNatives.net)**

*Images: Showy Milkweed © Moraga4Monarchs; Monarch caterpillar © inatdlm ; Monarch Butterfly © Jennifer Dirking (all Creative Commons some rights reserved (CC-BY-NC) via iNaturalist.org)*

*Design: Jennifer B. Dirking – EcoGardenista.org*

Permission is given for these signs to be freely distributed, but they cannot be sold.



Calscape.org



Scan here  
for details

