

MILKWEED



Monarch on Milkweed, Monsanto

Milkweed Community

Leaf Eaters

- Monarch Caterpillars
- Queen Caterpillars

Nectar Drinkers

- Bumblebees
- Honeybees
- Queen Butterflies
- Hawk
- Monarch Butterflies

Predators

- Crab Spiders
- Yellow Jackets
- Black Tachnid Fly

Fun Facts

- Swamp Milkweed is found throughout Ohio
- Butterfly Milkweed is the 4th most beautiful wild flower in North America according to 1940
- Common Milkweed has declined by 50-90% in parts of the US
- You cannot eat Common Milkweed
- Common Milkweed is found throughout the state of Ohio

Types of Milkweed

The Three Main Types of *milkweed*

Common



Common Milkweed, Friends of Reinstein Woods

Common Milkweed stands at 3-5 ft. and can be found in Southern Canada

Butterfly



Monarch and milkweed, Monsanto

Butterfly Milkweed can be found in Ontario and Maine. Also stands at 1-2 ft.

Swamp



Swamp Milkweed, USDA

Swamp Milkweed has very smooth leaves and stands 2-4 ft.

Benefits of Milkweed



Common Milkweed, Friends of Reinstein Woods

SKIN

Warts and ringworm can be healed through milkweed.



Swamp Milkweed, Sunlight Gardens

LUNGS

Milkweed can help breathing conditions such as asthma and tuberculosis.



Common Milkweed, Minnesota Wildflowers

STOMACH

Milkweed can help manage digestive problems.

Harmful Effects



Monarch Larvae on Milkweed, ScienceMag

LATEX

The latex found in milkweed has a toxic alkaloid which harms mammals.

Milkweed Habitats

Roadsides



Roadside Milkweed, Minnesota Wildflowers

Meadows



Meadow Milkweed, Minnesota Wildflowers

Prairies



Prairie Milkweed, Missouri Department of Conservation

Fields



Field Milkweed, Xerces Society

Reproduction

The wind blows the seed pods open and the seeds will land at a different spot and will eventually begin to grow a milkweed plant



Milkweed Seeds, Webster's Wildshots

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