

Milkweed (Orange)

Butterfly Bush Milkweed seeds produce a hearty perennial intensely attractive to butterflies and other beneficial garden insects. Flowers are followed by exotic looking fruits that release easy-to-harvest seeds. All milkweeds are useful, nectar rich food plants for butterflies.

Type: Perennial

Height: 70cm (27")

Exposure: Full sun

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

Sow indoors 6-8 weeks before the last frost date and transplant or direct sow towards late spring. Barely cover the small seeds using a sterilized seed starting mix. Scatter seeds 1/2" (1.5cm) apart in desired space or pot.

Seeds should sprout in 7-35 days.

Note: Milkweed can sometimes aggressively spread, so large containers can be used to contain the plant.

Saving

At the end of the growing season, pick flower pods as they turn brown, dry, and mature. Seed clusters can then be removed carefully from the milkweed pod. When fully ripe and dried, the seeds will be easily separated from the floss. Let them dry for a week or so in a cool, dry location. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!