

Milkweed (Pink)

Swamp Milkweed begins to grow from a thick, fleshy root later in spring. Narrow, strap-like leaves emerge, forming a clump of foliage. Then, from mid-spring to late summer, umbels of fragrant, pink to mauve flowers appear that are so generous with nectar that they attract pollinators of all kinds.

Type: Perennial

Height: 2m (6')

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!