

Whorled Milkweed

Asclepias Verticillata



Whorled Milkweed has smooth, needle-like leaves that form whorls around the stem. The small white flowers are important for many pollinators late in the season. These plants use rhizomes to form colonies that will bloom all at once and can spread aggressively. Infertile soil can benefit whorled milkweed as it reduces competition. It is one of the more toxic species of milkweed to livestock.



Milkweeds are named for the white milky sap that comes from the plants.

As ants and other crawling insects move up the stem they become coated in the sap, stopping them from reaching the flowers. This saves the pollen for bees and other pollinators.