

SayAfterMeThreeTimes — Milkweed Is Not A Weed! Milkweed Is Not A Weed!  
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I WILL Plant Milkweed Today!!

#### WEB SITES

- monarchwatch.org
- MLMP.org (Monarch Larva] Monitoring)
- monarchlab.org (Monarch Lab)
- monarchjointventure.org (Monarch Joint Venture)
- monarchbutterflygarden.net (Monarch Butterfly Garden)
- pollinator.org (Pollinator Partnership)
- xerces.org (The Xerces Society)
- monarchgard.com (Native Prairie Garden Consulting)
- monarch@wildones.org (Wild Ones)
- monarchbutterflyfund.org (Monarch Butterfly Fund)
- nababutterfly.com (The North American Butterfly Assoc.)
- milktheweed.blogspot.com
- bumblebeewatch.com
- lostladybug.org
- saveourmonarchs.org (for free seed)
- crownbees.com/bee-mail and www.crownbees.com

Questions? – Call Kay at 815-469-1294

Go to Kay's Web Site –  
MilkweedForMonarchs.info

HELP NATURE!!!!!!! GET COOL SIGNS FOR YOUR GARDEN!!!!!

Many organizations which help wildlife now have signs that show you support their work. To get most signs, a modest donation is required. Do you use native plants? Try to limit pesticide use? Encourage wildlife?

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION:** The oldest is the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Habitat program which provides homeowners with information they need to create havens for wild animals. You get your own number. Go to [www.nwf.org/backyard](http://www.nwf.org/backyard).

**MONARCH WATCH:** Got milkweed? Monarch Watch has a program called Monarch Waystation Registry. Go to [www.MonarchWatch.org/ws](http://www.MonarchWatch.org/ws) to register and get more information.

**NORTH AMERICAN BUTTERFLY ASSOCIATION:** Go to [www.nababutterfly.com](http://www.nababutterfly.com) to learn how to certify your butterfly garden.

**WILD ONES:** These native plant lovers are located at [www.wildones.org](http://www.wildones.org). Wild Ones has two signs. **WILD ONES YARD SIGN:**  
<http://www.wildones.org/product/miscellaneous/wild-ones-yard-sign>

**WILD FOR MONARCHS NATIVE PLANT BUTTERFLY GARDEN SIGN:**  
<http://www.wildones.org/learn/wild-for-monarchs/butterfly-garden-recognition/>

**ILLINOIS AUDUBON SOCIETY:** Remember, the money for your sign stays right here in Illinois doing good. You receive a certificate and a sign. Applications are at the IAS website:  
[www.illinoisaudubon.org/PROGRAMSEVENTS](http://www.illinoisaudubon.org/PROGRAMSEVENTS).

**CONSERVATION AT HOME:** Conservation At Home is part of the Conservation Foundation's effort to encourage native planting. Go to [www.theconservationfoundation.org](http://www.theconservationfoundation.org) and click on the "Conservation @ Home" box

**THE CAVITY CONSERVATION INITIATIVE** has Save Dead Tree Signs:  
<http://cavityconservation.com>

See Kay's NEW video at youtube.com, search for 2018 UPDATE Kay MacNeil Milkweed to Monarchs; Order Milkweed Seed, email request to [kaymac60423@yahoo.com](mailto:kaymac60423@yahoo.com)

# Milkweed Metropolis!

## Asclepiadaceae

Many of the insects that feed on milkweed are brightly colored with orange or red pigment to warn off predators - cardiac glycosides in the leaves and stems make the insects toxic!

### Color Guide to Chicago Region milkweeds (*Asclepias*):

**Orange flowers:** *A. tuberosa*

**White to light green flowers:**

*A. verticillata*: leaves very narrow, almost grass-like, and in whorls; plant under 18" tall; tiny white to light green flowers; smooth narrow fruits

*A. exaltata*: woodlands; smooth, fine-textured leaves, drooping green and white umbels; long narrow smooth fruits

**Green flowers:**

*A. birralla*: Leaves narrow (5-10mm wide); umbels stalked and erect, plant height up to 3.2 ft.)

*A. viridiflora*: 12-36" tall; short, fine white hairs; two or more axillary, stalkless, drooping umbels

*A. meadii*: sessile leaves; solitary, terminal, drooping umbels; probably extinct in our region

*A. lanuginosa*: 6-10" tall; abundant long, tan hairs, solitary terminal umbels. Dry gravel prairies

**Pink or purple flowers:**

*A. incarnata*: Wetlands; leaves long and very narrow, short petioles, small flowers; slender, long, smooth fruits

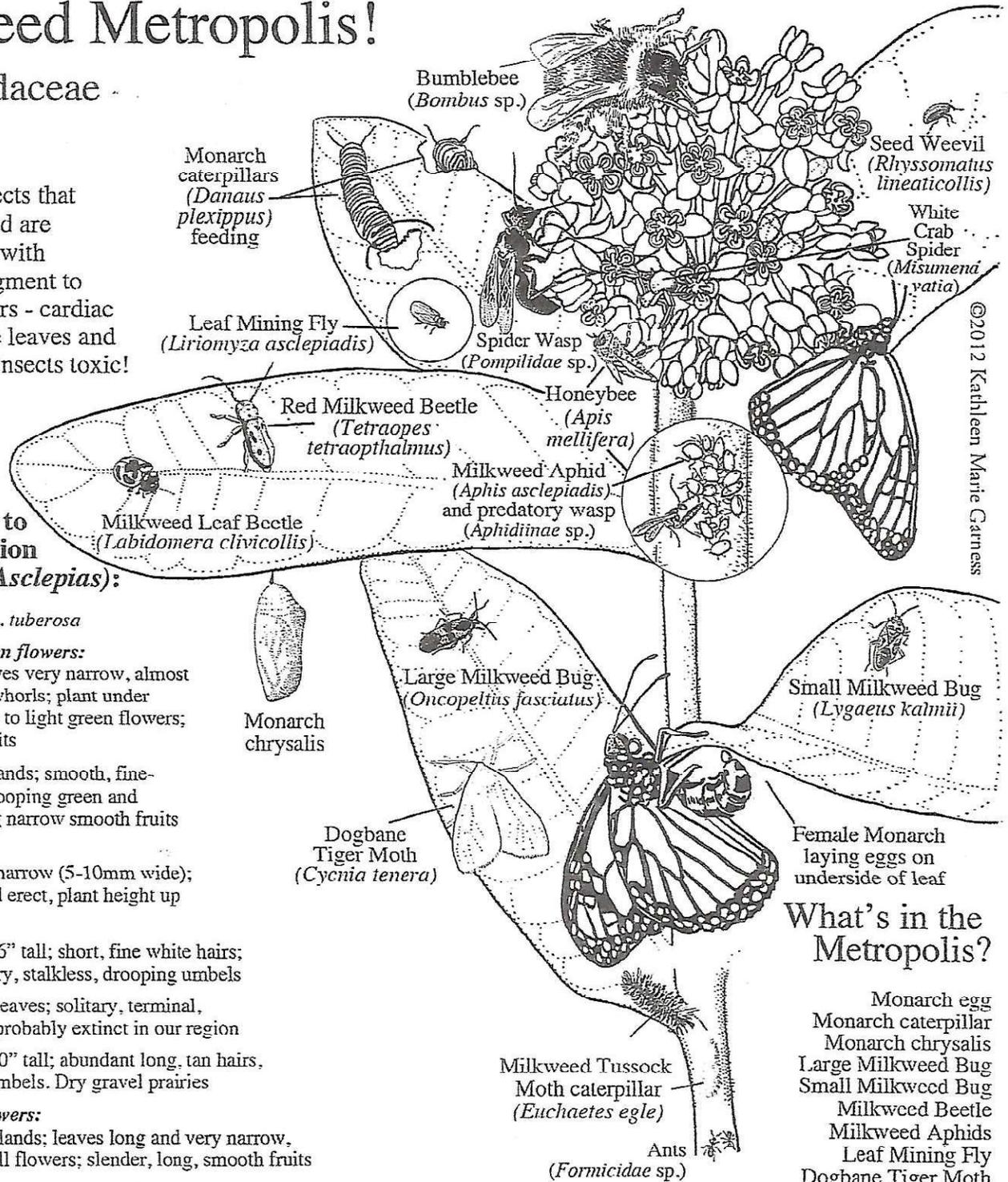
*A. amplexicaulis*: leaves with very wavy margins, clasping stems

*A. purpurascens*: deep purple, ~36" tall; terminal, often multiple, umbels

*A. sullivantii*: bright pink midveins; sessile, upright-leaves (no petioles), light pink flowers

*A. ovalifolia*: very rare; flowers yellow, greenish or purple-tinged; plant pubescent

*A. syriaca*: common milkweed; pink, cream-colored, or purplish flowers; plants tall, sturdy, coarse



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### What's in the Metropolis?

- Monarch egg
- Monarch caterpillar
- Monarch chrysalis
- Large Milkweed Bug
- Small Milkweed Bug
- Milkweed Beetle
- Milkweed Aphids
- Leaf Mining Fly
- Dogbane Tiger Moth
- Milkweed Tussock Moth
- Parasitic Wasps
- Seed Weevil
- Ants
- Bees
- Tachnid Fly (parasite on monarch caterpillars, etc)

"All I am saying is that there is also drama in every bush, if you can see it." - Aldo Leopold

What else can you think of that might live here?