



# THE NATIVE PLANT CENTER

## 2014 Native Perennial of the Year



### *Asclepias tuberosa* Butterflyweed

A favorite of butterfly lovers, this orange milkweed is a larval host for several species and provides nectar as well. Slow to emerge in spring, it is long lived and brightens the summer garden. The clump-forming plant is tap-rooted, so leave once established; it does not spread readily.

- Hardiness:** Zones 3–9
- Light:** Sun
- Soil:** Dry
- Size:** 18–24" tall
- Foliage:** Lance-shaped
- Flowers:** Flat-topped clusters of bright orange

**Bloom Time:** Summer  
**Wildlife Value:** Nectar source for butterflies and hummingbirds. Larval host for monarch, queen, and gray hairstreak butterflies. Of special value to native bees. Deer resistant.



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