



ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

PLANT CARE INFORMATION

Narrow-leaf Milkweed *Asclepias angustifolia*

DESCRIPTION: Narrow-leaf Milkweed is a compact subshrub found as an understory plant in the pine-oak forests of southern Arizona and in the Sierra Madre Occidentalis of Sonora, Mexico. It is fast growing to about 1½ feet tall by 2 feet across, with evergreen pine needle-like leaves. It readily blooms from spring until the first frost. Clusters of white flowers at the ends of the stems attract many butterflies, including the Queen and Monarch whose larva feed on the plant.

RECOMMENDED USE: Can be used as a ground cover, in a rock garden, or in a container for its flowers.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: It has been tested to 15°F with rapid re-growth.



Sun tolerance: Light shade, at least in the afternoon will make for a less stressed, better blooming plant.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water usage. Feed twice during the growing season (March-November).



Soil requirements: Can be pruned back near the ground and allowed to resprout.



Pruning: Not particular.