

Asclepias californica

California Milkweed, Fuzzy Milkweed



Photograph by Vince Scheidt

HERBACEOUS PERENNIAL— winter dormant
1–4' tall. Stems erect.

Stems and leaves completely covered with dense white hairs giving a woolly appearance.

Leaves large, woolly, white.

Flowers 5-lobed, reflexed, purplish — April to July.

Native habitat: chaparral, yellow pine forests, and pinyon-juniper woodlands—dry slopes below 7000 feet. Northern Baja California north to Kern and Inyo counties.

Full sun to light shade.

Well-drained soil. Dry in summer.

Grows best inland.

Good in mixed border. Important larval food source for the Monarch Butterfly.

