

Friends of the Arboretum Native Plant Sale



***Asclepias Verticilata* – Whorled Milkweed**

COMMON NAME: Whorled Milkweed.

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Asclepias* named for Asklepios, the Greek god of healing, and *verticilata* meaning whorled.

FLOWER: White to greenish

BLOOMING PERIOD: July to September

SIZE: 1 to 3 feet tall

BEHAVIOR: Erect perennial with milky juicy stems.

SITE REQUIREMENTS: Sun to part shade in dry, sandy, clay or rocky soil.

NATURAL RANGE: Most of the U.S. east of the Rocky Mountains, except Maine. Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan. Most of Wisconsin except for the few northwestern counties.

SPECIAL FEATURES: The narrow leaves are whorled about the stem. The flowers are arranged in stalked umbels. The seed pods are narrow and about 3 inches long. This milkweed continues blooming later than most milkweeds.

SUGGESTED CARE: Space plants about 1 foot apart.

COMPANION PLANTS: Coreopsis, coneflowers, brown-eyed susan, short prairie grasses.