

climbing milkweed

Matelea gonocarpus

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Gentianales
Family: Asclepiadaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

FEATURES

Climbing milkweed, also known as anglepod, grows up to 20 feet in length. Leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods are up to five inches in length. Flowers are positioned in the leaf axils and are green with a purple center.

BEHAVIORS

Climbing milkweed flowers July through August. It is found in the southern one-sixth of the state and in Wabash County. This species grows in rocky woods. It is a vine.

ILLINOIS RANGE







Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats

none