

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.

Aquatic Habitats: none

Woodland Habitats: coniferous forests; southern Illinois lowlands; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats: none

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