

# green milkweed

## *Asclepias viridiflora*

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

### ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

### FEATURES

Green milkweed grows up to two feet in height. The leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods are up to six inches in length. Flowers are positioned on the leaf axils and are green in color.

### BEHAVIORS

Green milkweed flowers May through August. It can be found statewide. Green milkweed can be found in prairies, sandy soil, gravelly soil and fields. The leaves are often folded up and in along their edge with a wavy margin. The flower clusters nod.

### ILLINOIS RANGE





### **Aquatic Habitats**

none

### **Woodland Habitats**

none

### **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie