

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.

Aquatic Habitats: none

Woodland Habitats: none

Prairie and Edge Habitats: black soil prairie; dolomite prairie; edge; gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie

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