

Mead's milkweed

Asclepias meadii

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

ILLINOIS STATUS

endangered, native

FEATURES

Mead's milkweed is less than two feet in height. The leaves are arranged opposite each other on the stem. Seedpods are about four inches in length. The flowers are positioned at the stem tip and are white to pale green in color.

BEHAVIORS

Mead's milkweed flowers May through June. It grows in southern, northeastern and central sections of Illinois. Mead's milkweed can be found in some mesic prairies and sandstone bluffs, but it is not common anywhere in the state or in its national range. The flower cluster nods downward. It is endangered in Illinois and threatened federally.

ILLINOIS RANGE



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Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

gravel prairie; hill prairie; sand prairie; shrub prairie