

narrow-leaved green milkweed *Asclepias stenophylla*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Gentianales

Family: Asclepiadaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS: endangered, native

FEATURES

Narrow-leaved green milkweed grows up to three feet in height. The 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 white in color.

BEHAVIORS

Narrow-leaved green milkweed flowers June through July. This species grows in a few counties in west central Illinois in hill prairies and upland woods along the Mississippi River. Narrow-leaved green milkweed reaches its northeastern range limit in the state. It is endangered in Illinois.

Aquatic Habitats: none

Woodland Habitats: upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats: hill prairie

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