

# tall green milkweed

*Asclepias hirtella*

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

## ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

## FEATURES

Tall green milkweed grows up to three feet in height. Most of the leaves are arranged alternately on the stem. The leaves are narrow, about three-fourths inch wide or less. Seedpods are about four inches in length. The flowers are positioned in the leaf axils. Flowers are pale green with the petals white-edged or purple-spotted at the tip.

## BEHAVIORS

Tall green milkweed flowers May through August. It can be found statewide. This species grows in prairies, especially sand prairies, and fields.

## ILLINOIS RANGE





## **Aquatic Habitats**

none

## **Woodland Habitats**

none

## **Prairie and Edge Habitats**

sand prairie; edge