

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.

Aquatic Habitats: none

Woodland Habitats: none

Prairie and Edge Habitats: sand prairie; edge

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