

## variegated milkweed *Asclepias variegata*

Kingdom: Plantae

Division: Magnoliophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Gentianales

Family: Asclepiadaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS: common, native

### FEATURES

Variegated milkweed, also known as red-ring 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 at the stem tip and in leaf axils and are white with purple centers.

### BEHAVIORS

Variegated milkweed flowers May through July. It is found in the southern one-fourth of Illinois. This species grows in rocky woods.

Aquatic Habitats: none

Woodland Habitats: bottomland forests; coniferous forests; upland deciduous forests

Prairie and Edge Habitats: none

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