

Description

Native status: Oklahoma

Straight Species: Yes

WETLAND STATUS: Great Plains- UPL

(Upland Plants)-Almost never occur in wetlands (estimated probability > 99%

Genus: Asclepias

Species: tuberosa

Family: Apocynaceae

*Host plant for the monarch butterfly and a great nectar source for many other butterflies and pollinators

Yellow-orange to bright orange flower clusters, 2-5 inches across, are at the top of the flowering stem. The abundance of stiff, lance-shaped foliage provides a dark-green backdrop for the showy flower heads. Although it is sometimes called Orange Milkweed, this species has no milky sap.