



## *Asclepias incarnata* • swamp milkweed

FOR GENERAL GROWING NOTES SEE "GENERAL GROWING PROTOCOLS" CARD

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS: pink blooms. H= 3-4' Spread 1.5-2'

DESIRED SITE LOCATION & SPACING:

- full sun
- medium to wet soil
- drought tolerance = medium
- 10" between plants and rows  
(recommended spacing (18-24"))

ECOLOGICAL BENEFITS:

- Wildlife: important food source for the monarch caterpillar
- Conspicuous Flowers: yes
- Attracts: hummingbirds, butterflies, moths
- Nectar Source: yes



Seed Stratification	cool and moist, 30 – 60 days
Seed-Sow to Finished Plug	February to mid-May (14 weeks)
Outplanting	late May - June
Flowering Period	July - August

#### SOWING & SEED DEPTH:

- Sow 3 seeds per cell; cover with media equal to thickness of the seed ( $\frac{1}{4}$ "

#### SEED COLLECTION:

- September - October
- harvest only milkweed pods leaving stems for overwintering insects
- harvest pods when plump and just beginning to crack open
- mature seeds are dark brown
- open pod and grip silk, seeds will pull off easily
- remove all fluff from seed prior to storage

PESTS & DISEASE: prone to aphids

