



***Asclepias tuberosa* • butterfly weed**

FOR GENERAL GROWING NOTES SEE "GENERAL GROWING PROTOCOLS" CARD

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS: orange blooms. H= 2-3' Spread 1-2'

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, also a larval host
- Conspicuous Flowers: yes
- Attracts: hummingbirds, butterflies, bees, moths
- Nectar Source: yes



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

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

