Asclepias tuberosa ● butterfly weed

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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 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

SOWING & SEED DEPTH:
- Sow 3 seeds per cell; cover with media equal to thickness of the seed (¼”)

PESTS & DISEASE: prone to aphids

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