

Milkweed Mates

Insects Frequently Found on Milkweed



Monarch Butterfly
Danaus plexippus



Milkweed Beetle
Tetraopes tetrophthalmus



Small Milkweed Bug
Lygaeus kalmii



**Milkweed Tussock Moth
Caterpillar**
Euchaetes egle



Milkweed Leaf Beetle
Labidomera clivicollis



Oleander Aphids
Aphis nerii



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Save the Monarchs

Planting Your Own Milkweed

Milkweed is vital for monarch survival as it is the only plant that the larvae feed on. In response to recent milkweed loss due to modern agricultural practices and widespread pesticide use, the monarch population has dropped by **90%**. To combat this, you can add milkweed to your own garden. There are multiple species that are native to Nebraska that can be chosen depending on the soil type, sun exposure, and moisture conditions of your garden.



Common Milkweed

Grows 3-5 feet tall with large pink flowers that bloom in June, requires sun, grows well in most garden soils, plant 18" apart



Whorled Milkweed

Grows 1-3 feet tall, best in dry conditions, plant 18" apart
Warning: This species is more toxic than other milkweed species, be careful with pets and livestock



Butterfly Weed

Grows 1-2 feet tall with bright orange flowers that bloom in May, best in dry conditions, plant 18" apart



Swamp Milkweed

Grows 2-4 feet tall with purple flowers, requires watering if not in a wet environment, establishes clumps, plant 30" apart

