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## 2025 Native Perennial of the Year



### *Asclepias incarnata* Swamp milkweed

This stunning host plant of the monarch butterfly attracts a multitude of pollinators with showy clusters of deep-pink flowers from July to August. Narrow, lance-shaped leaves line erect stems. Elongated seed pods persist into winter.

**Hardiness:** Zones 3–6  
**Light:** Sun to part shade  
**Soil:** Average to wet soil  
**Size:** 3–4' tall  
**Foliage:** Narrow, lance-shaped leaves  
**Flowers:** Clusters of deep pink flowers  
**Fruit:** Erect brown seed pods  
**Bloom Time:** July to August  
**Wildlife Value:** Larval host for the monarch butterfly. Flowers attract many pollinators. Deer resistant.



Photo (top): R.W. Smith, Lady Bird Johnson  
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