



# ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM

## PLANT CARE INFORMATION

### **Broadleaf Milkweed** *Asclepias latifolia*

**DESCRIPTION:** Broadleaf Milkweed is an upright herbaceous perennial found in the plateaus of Arizona and Utah to the plains of Colorado and Texas. In the spring it sprouts quickly to about 1-3 feet tall. In late spring or summer it blooms with clusters of whitish to yellow-brown flowers attracting many butterflies, including the Queen and Monarch whose larva feed on the plant. This species dies back to the crown each fall, to re-emerge in the spring.

**RECOMMENDED USE:** In a rock garden or desert reveg, or in a container.

#### **CULTURE:**



**Hardiness:** It is hardy to at least 10°F.



**Sun tolerance:** It is said to be very heat and drought tolerant. It is not thoroughly tried here, but we'd recommend light shade, at least in the afternoon.



**Watering and feeding:** In the ground it can be left to rainfall after being established for a year, although it will respond better with infrequent, but deep waterings.



**Soil requirements:** Not particular



**Pruning:** Prune back near the ground in early winter.