

SHOWY MILKWEED

ASCLEPIAS SPECIOSA

THIS BOLD CALIFORNIA NATIVE MILKWEED WILL BE A FORMIDABLE PRESENCE IN YOUR GARDEN. THE FOOD THAT MONARCHS CRAVE, SHOWY MILKWEED CONTAINS ALKALOIDS THAT GIVE THE BUTTERFLIES AND THEIR LARVAE PROTECTION FROM PREDATORS. IT IS THESE SAME ALKALOIDS THAT RENDER IT PRETTY DARN RESISTANT TO MUNCHING DEER. ITS BROAD GRAY-GREEN LEAVES MAKE IT A NOTABLE STANDOUT AMONG ITS DROUGHT-TOLERANT NEIGHBORS IN THE DRY GARDEN, MANY OF WHOM HAVE LITTLE-BITTY LEAVES TO HELP CONSERVE WATER. THE LARGE, FRAGRANT, ANTIQUE ROSE COLORED BLOSSOMS ARE A DELIGHT TO THE MIDSUMMER ROMANTICS AMONG US. TO 3-4' HIGH AND SPREADING.

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