

tall green milkweed

Asclepias hirtella

FEATURES

Tall green milkweed grows up to three feet in height. Most of the leaves are arranged alternately on the stem. The leaves are narrow, about three-fourths inch wide or less. Seedpods are about four inches in length. The flowers are positioned in the leaf axils. Flowers are pale green with the petals white-edged or purple-spotted at the tip.

BEHAVIORS

Tall green milkweed flowers May through August. It can be found statewide. This species grows in prairies, especially sand prairies, and fields.

TAXONOMY

Kingdom: Plantae
Division: Magnoliophyta
Class: Magnoliopsida
Order: Gentianales
Family: Apocynaceae

ILLINOIS STATUS

common, native

ILLINOIS RANGE





Aquatic Habitats

none

Woodland Habitats

none

Prairie and Edge Habitats

sand prairie; edge