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Woolly Milkweed *Asclepias vestita*

DESCRIPTION: Like other milkweeds Woolly Milkweed is both an important food and nectar source for monarch butterflies. This species is native to dry plains and hillsides as well as desert canyons in southern and central California. It can grow to 2½ ft., has beautiful silvery green foliage, and produces large yellowish-white flowers suffused with purple.

RECOMMENDED USE: Bird and butterfly gardens as well as accent for striking form and color.

CULTURE:



Hardiness: This species is hardy to about 20 °



Sun tolerance: Light shade, at least in the afternoon will make for a less stressed, better blooming plant.



Watering and feeding: Moderate water usage to start; lower after establishment. Feed twice during the growing season (March-November).



Soil requirements: Best in non-caliche soil.



Pruning: Old stems can be pruned back near the ground as new stems arise at base.