

Iowa Milkweeds

Tall Plants	Broad leaves	Narrow leaves	Slender leaves
<i>A. exalta</i>	X		
<i>A. hirtella</i>			X
<i>A. incarnata</i>		X	
<i>A. purpurascens</i>	X		
<i>A. speciosa</i>	X		
<i>A. sullivantii</i>	X		
<i>A. syriaca</i>	X		

Medium Plants	Broad leaves	Narrow leaves	Slender leaves
<i>A. amplexicaulis</i>	X		
<i>A. englemanniana</i> [specimens were probably <i>A. stenophylla</i>]	Note! <i>A. englemanniana</i> does not exist in Iowa		X
<i>A. stenophylla</i>			X
<i>A. tuberosa</i>		X	
<i>A. verticillata</i>			X

Small Plants	Broad leaves	Narrow leaves	Slender leaves
<i>A. lanuginosa</i>		X	
<i>A. meadii</i>		X	
<i>A. ovalifolia</i>	X		
<i>A. quadrifolia</i>		X	
<i>A. viridiflora</i>		X	

Tall plants at maturity are approximately chest high +/- a foot or two

Medium plants at maturity are about waist high +/- a foot or two

small plants are usually about knee high (less than 2 feet high)

broad leaves are less than 3 times longer than wide.

narrow leaves are 3 to 8 times longer than wide. (often oblong or lanceolate)

slender leaves are more than 8 times longer than wide (linear like grass leaves)

Green is common in Iowa
Blue is scarce in Iowa
Orange is threatened in Iowa
Red is Endangered in Iowa