



SWAMP MILKWEED  
*Asclepias incarnata*

Located in swamps, wet thickets and along shores throughout the Division. Highly variable with several recognized forms. Also known as Rose or Swamp Silkweed, Water Nerve-Root and White Indian-Hemp.

A perennial herb, with slender, branched stems, lacking milky juice, leafy to the top; 0.3 to 1.5 m high. Leaves numerous, opposite, lance-shaped, pointed at the tip and narrowing at the base to the short leaf-stalk; 7 to 15 cm long, 1.5 to 4 cm wide. Clusters of red to rose-purple (rarely white) flowers blossom from many hairy stalks arising from a common point at the top of the stem; flowers hooded; blooming from July to September. The fruiting pods contain many seeds each bearing a tuft of long silky hairs; pods form on the end of an erect stalk.

The roots are sometimes used as food by muskrat,





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