

Asclepias syriaca
COMMON MILKWEED (Milkweed Family)

in the **Peacock Prairie** at the **James Woodworth Prairie Preserve**



Flowers in umbels and with their petal-like part bent downward. The distinctive flowers have five erect hoods (the corona) comprising the upper part of the flower, with a curved horn projecting from each hood. Flowers fragrant. Hoods $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{6}$ " long; horns curved, easily seen. Leaves short-stalked, oblong or oval, grayish-downy beneath. Pods with a warty surface. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie often about 4' high (125 cm), blooms about the 1st week of June through the 1st week of August.

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