


Asclepias subulate

DESERT MILKWEED

A vital vertical accent. Important nectar and host plants for numerous pollinators including Monarchs, this tough native perennial milkweed plant has narrow gray, mostly leafless stems. Cream colored waxy bloom clusters form on the ends of each stem from spring into summer. They occur in sandy soils or occasionally on alluvial desert plains and mixed scrub in far southern NV, AZ low deserts into CA and Mexico. They are extremely drought & heat tolerant. Excess moisture creates succulent growth that aphids cannot resist. Although stem tips can get covered by aphids, these pests are a cosmetic nuisance and do not harm the plant. For this reason, avoid using harmful insecticides to control the aphids that may end up harming beneficial pollinators. If control is needed, apply low to no impact insecticidal soap instead.



DESCRIPTION

 UP TO 2-3 FT. x 2-3 FT.

 FULL SUN

 USDA ZONE 9-11

 NORTH AMERICA

 CREAM TO YELLOW

 LOW

 TO 20°F