Milkweed Facts

- 73 species of Milkweed are native to the US
- All Milkweed species are good for Monarchs
- Straight species are better than cultivars ('Hello Yellow', 'Ice Ballet')
- At Pesche's we sell 5 Milkweed species
- 1. Common Milkweed (Asclepias syriaca)
 Grows 3-5ft tall, spreads underground
 Pink, fragrant flowers in summer
 Will tolerate poor soils, tough plant
- 2. Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)
 Grows 1-2ft tall, conservative plant
 Orange, luminous flowers in summer
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- 3. Swamp Milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)
 Grows 2-4ft tall, conservative plant
 Pink showy flowers in summer
 Can tolerate medium to wet soils
- 4. Whorled Milkweed (Asclepias verticillata)
 Grows 1-2ft tall, spreads underground
 White, lacy flowers in summer
 Can tolerate very poor, dry soils
- 5. Tropical Milkweed (Asclepias curassavica)
 Can be found with our tropicals
 This species is not hardy in Chicago









