

## Butterfly Weed

*Asclepias tuberosa* L. ssp. *tuberosa*



<b>Family:</b>	Asclepidaceae
<b>Habitat:</b>	Sandy soils, upland woods, dry fields
<b>Color:</b>	Orange
<b>Height:</b>	1-3 ft
<b>Exposure:</b>	Sun
<b>Bloom Dates:</b>	June-July
<b>Soil Moisture:</b>	Well-drained
<b>Soil Quality:</b>	Average
<b>Garden Uses:</b>	Butterfly gardens, rock gardens, meadows. Showy flower for borders.
<b>Notes:</b>	Should not be mulched. Do not overwater. Has been observed growing in clay soils. Requires a minimum of 6 hours of sun. This plant is a food source for the Monarch butterfly larva.
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