

Milkweed

“Hello Yellow”

"Hello Yellow" milkweed, or *Asclepias tuberosa*, thrives in full sun and well-drained soil, making it a great choice for sunny, dry gardens. It's drought-tolerant once established and can be planted in early spring or fall. Deadheading spent blooms encourages reblooming. Deer and rabbit resistant. Beneficial for pollinators, especially the Monarch butterfly

Growing Conditions:

- **Light:** Full sun is essential for optimal growth and flowering.
- **Soil:** Well-draining soil is crucial to prevent root rot, but it can tolerate various soil types, including clay.
- **Water:** While drought-tolerant once established, young plants and those in pots may need more frequent watering.
- **Fertilizing:** Fertilize with organic slow-release fertilizer.

Planting:

- **Planting Time:** Best planted in early spring or fall for the best results.
- **Spacing:** Plant 12-18 inches apart
- **Taproot:** Milkweed has a long, taproot that should not be divided or transplanted once established.

Care:

- **Deadheading:** Prune spent blooms in spring to mid-summer to encourage reblooming.
- **Propagation:** Propagate by seed, division, or root basal cuttings in spring, but be aware that it may not transplant well.
- **Seed pods:** Cut off pods to prevent self-seeding or use twist ties or organza bags to collect seeds.

