



Wild for Monarchs: Milkweed Seed Collection



Steps for collecting: Please obtain permission to collect milkweed from the owner of the property or the manager of the roadway. Do not over-collect in one area. This ensures that you get a genetic diversity and an you leave seed for wildlife and self sowing. Pick no more than 33% of one plant and no more than 33% from each site.. **Safety Note:** Take care, milkweed sap can harm eyes. Do not collect near busy highways.

Easy Collection Steps:

- 1. Collect clean mature pods (as they begin to split) from *native wild plants only*. Paper bags work well.
 - 2. For each location, make a new labeled bag. Each species needs its own bag. 3. Use attached labels.
- Please dry the pods. If you want to, clean the fluff off the seeds, and pull or shake seeds off (please do not burn).

LABEL every bag of milkweed seed. Please Email: (insert your chapter contact email address) for seed drop-off.

For more information, and to grow milkweed, please visit wildones.org and monarchwatch.org. **Thank you for helping monarch butterflies! Any amount of seed is welcome.**

Circle Milkweed Species: Common/Swamp/Butterflyweed / Other: _____ Collector's Name _____

Phone # _____ Date _____ Email _____

Location collected _____ Zip code _____ County _____ State _____

Milkweed Stem Count: ___ # up to 25 stems. Circle: 25-50 / 50-100 / 100+ Circle Soil Type: Sand/Clay/other _____

EcoRegion/Plant Community if known _____ Comments: _____

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