

## Asclepias curassavica

### (Butterfly-Weed, Milkweed, Blood FlowerSilkweed)

A bushy, evergreen sub-shrub with woody base. The leaves are opposite, narrow pointed . The flowers are in a flat umbrella showy orange-red florets with yellow centers. Like most milkweeds, it has milky sap. Scarlet milkweed is easy to grow, thriving in dry, moist, and even wet soils. It needs full sun to partial shade. Regular watering is adequate. If it freeze to the ground it will come back next spring.Use scarlet milkweed in perennial borders and meadow gardens.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Asclépiade de Curaçao, Fleur de sang

**Pronunciation:** ass-KLEE-pee-us kur-uh-SAV-ick-uh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Tropical America

**Heat Zones:** 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Hedge, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Container, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 0.5 to 1 meter

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 1 to 2 Years

#### Notes

As plants age and become woody near the base ,cut them back to stimulate new growth .This will help them look good for many years.Butterflies can&rsquo;t resist this evergreen perennial. In tropical conditions the plants ca bloom continuously.

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Flower Image

## Botanical Description

### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Rough

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 3 - 7

**Flower Type:** Cyme

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

**Flower Color:** Orange, Red

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Follicle

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Fruit Colors:** Brown

**Seasons:** Summer, Fall

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

- Frost Tolerant: Yes
- Heat Tolerant: Yes
- Drought Tolerant: Yes
- Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

- Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand
- Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral
- Water Requirements: Moderate
- Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

- Toxity: Yes
- Invasive Potential: Yes
- Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes
- Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure
- Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No
- Surface Rooting: No
- Life Span: Less than 25
- Edible Parts:
- Pests: Aphids
- Plant Propagations: Seed, Division



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Fruit Image



Other Image