Narrow-leaved Milkweed

Scientific name: *Asclepias fascicularis*
Common name: Whorled milkweed

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Perennial
Flowers greenish-white
Seed pod slender, 2 to 4 inches long
Leaves narrow
Stems and leaves contain a milky juice

Narrow-leaved milkweed is a poisonous perennial plant found in cultivated fields and pastures. It has a disagreeable odor and taste when green, losing these when mature and dry.

This weed has a creeping root system. Plants are 2 to 4 feet tall.

Control: For spot treatment use TBA at 10 gallons per acre in 150 gallons of water or 10 pounds of borate-chlorate mixture (polybor chlorate or chlorax) per square rod.

3 pounds of 2,4-D per acre gives fair control for field-size treatments.

6 pounds of amitrole T is effective. Apply when plants are 6 to 8 inches high.

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