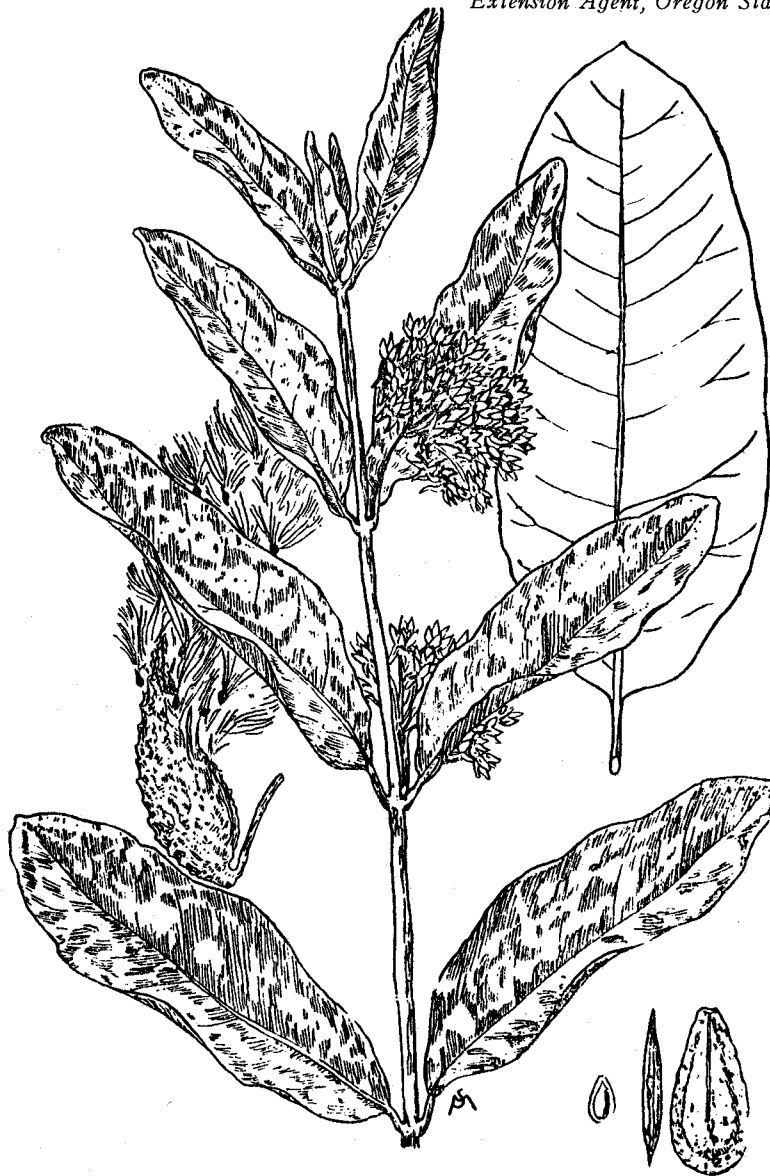


Showy Milkweed

Scientific name: *Asclepias speciosa*

Common name: Creek milkweed

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Perennial

Leaves large, grayish green

Flowers purplish pink

Leaves opposite

Plant contains milky juice

Stem covered with short downy fuzz



Showy milkweed is a perennial, 2 to 4 feet tall. The leaves are opposite, thick, 4 to 5 inches long, and 1 1/2 to 2 inches wide. Showy milkweed is somewhat poisonous to livestock, losing some of its toxicity when dried.

Showy milkweed can spread by creeping rootstocks and seeds.

Control: TBA--10 gallons per acre, or
2,4-D--3 pounds per acre, or
2,4,5-T--5 pounds per acre, or) in 150 gallons of water
Amitrole T--6 pounds per acre)



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