

A Series on Native
Florida Wildflowers
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Wildflowers: What's Blooming

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Fewflower Milkweed (*Asclepias lanceolata*)

Deep red-orange flowers, nearly leafless stalks and milky sap are all characteristics that distinguish this species from *A. tuberosa*. Growing in wet meadows, swamps and moist pine-lands, find these flowers blooming across the state in spring and summer.



White Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias perennis*)

White flowers are clustered in umbels. Long, lanceolate leaves are oppositely arranged. Find this native milkweed growing in the swamps, wet woods and rivers banks throughout central and north Florida. Blooms spring, summer and fall.



Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

This bushy perennial grows two feet tall (or more) and produces bright orange, eye catching flowers. Leaves are mostly alternate and this species has no milky sap. Often grown from seed in home gardens, it can be found growing wild nearly throughout Florida in sandhills, pine flatwoods, pastures and other disturbed, sandy sites like ditches.

