



Dear St Vincent de Paul Families,

We at Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy would like to offer you a packet of Milkweed seeds. Milkweed is essential in the lives of Monarchs. They lay their eggs on the leaves and live off of the plant until maturity.

Those families interested in receiving a packet of Milkweed seeds need to sign-up here by Thursday, 20 May: <https://forms.gle/41UShwjKqZiXuwZy8>

We would like to hear how your milkweed does. Please send photos and a paragraph of the results to the email below – letting us know that you're a member of the SVDP school community.

Planting Milkweed

Milkweed may be grown wherever you have a right to plant. Any fairly dry soil will do if the site gets 6 hours or more of sun a day.

Planting in spring or early summer: Indoors: These seeds have been refrigerated. (Stratified) Plant ½ inch deep in a small garden pot, plastic tray with holes, egg carton with garden soil. Keep in a cool, dark space. Keep moist, not wet. When established, transplant to sunny spot in garden. **Outdoors:** Sow seed at 1/8 inch depth. Cover lightly with soil and mulch. Do not let seedling dry out while it is establishing.

Late Summer or Fall Planting Outdoors: Clear the surface of leaves, mulch; water the spot well, make one hole per seed; about 1 cm. (½ inch) deep. 20 cm. (9 inches) apart; one seed per hole. Cover lightly with moist earth. Then cover lightly with mulch or dead leaves.

Additional Planting Tips: <https://monarchbutterflygarden.net/7-spring-planting-secrets-growing-milkweed/>

Thank you!

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