

# Giant Milkweed

*Calotropis gigantea*



This large shrub or small tree is native to India & Southern China, but has been extensively cultivated in tropical areas around the world. A member of the milkweed family, it typically grows 8'-15' tall. Lovely white crown-like flowers appear in clusters throughout the year, but primarily in the summer. Huge, glossy foliage 6"-8" long. Giant milkweed is an important larval plant for monarch butterflies. Great as a cut flower – used in leis in Hawaii. Tropical – would need to be protected from freezing weather.