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## Milkweeds for Monarchs

Milkweed plants are host plants for Monarch butterflies. This means that the larva, or caterpillars, of Monarch butterflies require milkweed leaves as a food source.

Common milkweed, *Asclepias syriaca*, shown top left, has a white milky sap and globes of pink flowers.

Butterfly weed, *Asclepias tuberosa*, shown bottom left, has clear sap and clusters of orange flowers.

**Help Budburst find these two important Chicagoland native milkweeds!**

## Knock out Knotweed

**Help Budburst find this invasive so that it can be better controlled!**

Japanese knotweed, *Fallopia japonica*, shown right, has smooth, hollow stems, oval leaves with tapered tips, and small, white flowers.

It spreads quickly pushing out native plants as it forms a dense patch, posing a significant threat because it reproduces rapidly and can survive a variety of weather conditions.

More information about the EcoFlora project can be found at [budburst.org/projects/chicago-ecoflora-project](http://budburst.org/projects/chicago-ecoflora-project)



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