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| Poke Milkweed (*Asclepias exaltata*)  This species has wide leaves and small white flowers; each individual flower has a stem, making the flowers hang. | Tall Green Milkweed (*Asclepias hirtella*)  This species has skinny leaves and small white flowers. While maturing, flowers appear as green buds; when mature, flowers are arranged in a spherical shape. |
| Rose Milkweed or Swamp Milkweed(*Asclepias incarnata*)  This species has skinny leaves and small dark pink or rose-colored flowers. | Prairie Milkweed(*Asclepias sullivantii*)  This species has wide leaves and medium-sized light pink or purple flowers. |
| Common Milkweed(*Asclepias syriaca*)  This species has wide leaves and small purple-gray flowers. Flowers are arranged in a spherical shape. | Butterfly Weed(*Asclepias tuberosa*)  This species has short, skinny leaves and a shock of small bright orange flowers. |
| Showy Milkweed(*Asclepias speciosa*)  This species has wide leaves and purple flowers with long, tapered or pointy petals. Flowers are arranged in spherical bundles. | Spider Milkweed(*Asclepias viridis*)  This species has wide leaves and large yellow-green flowers. |

Cut each card out and place on table next to printed, labelled photos of milkweed. Photos should be in color. Allow students to match each card to its respective milkweed species, then record their answers on their worksheet.