**ASCLEPIAS HALLII**
HALL'S MILKWEED
Family: Asclepiadaceae

**Status:**
US Fish & Wildlife Service: None.
Agency Status: None.

**Heritage Rank:**
Global: G3  State: SH
WYNDD Plant List: Peripheral
Medium Wyoming Significance

**Description:** Hall's milkweed is a perennial herb with spreading rootstocks. The stem is 2-5 (8) dm tall and may be branched near the base. The herbage may be hairy or not and is sometimes waxy. The leaves can be alternate, approximate, or opposite and are lance- to egg-shaped, and about the same shade of green on both sides. The flower clusters are scattered throughout the plant. The flowers are 12-15 mm tall, with green- or purple-tinged sepals and pale rose to purple petals. The "eye" is pale rose to cream, with lance-shaped hoods and hooked horns. The pod-like fruits are 8-12 cm long by 1-3 cm thick, broadly cigar-shaped, and smooth (Welsh et al. 1993, Great Plains Flora 1986, Cronquist et al. 1984, Dorn 2001).

**Similar Species:** *Asclepias ovalifolia* has leaves with the bottom paler and hairier than the upper leaf surfaces. *A. incarnata* has 9-11 mm tall flowers with bright pink to white petals.

**Flowering/Fruiting Period:** Flowering occurs from June through August, with fruit maturing from August through September.

**Distribution:** Hall's milkweed is known from Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada. In Wyoming it is found in the southern Laramie Basin and eastern foothills of the Medicine Bow Range in Albany County.

**Habitat:** Sandy soils of prairies and roadsides (Great Plains Flora Association 1986). In Wyoming, found on sandy or clay soils of low hills, slopes, and roadcuts at 7200-7600 feet.

**Wyoming distribution of *Asclepias hallii***

**Occurrences in Wyoming:** Known from 3 historical records in Wyoming, the most recent dating from 1958.

**Abundance:** Unknown. The only report mentioning abundance refers to the plant as being "occasional" (in 1958). It is possible that populations are sparse or individuals are widely scattered.

**Trends:** Not known.

**Protection status:** No occurrences are known from areas receiving special management attention. At least 2 known sites are on private lands.

**Threats:** Not known.
Managed Areas: One occurrence may be on lands managed by the Rawlins BLM (Great Divide RA).

References:


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