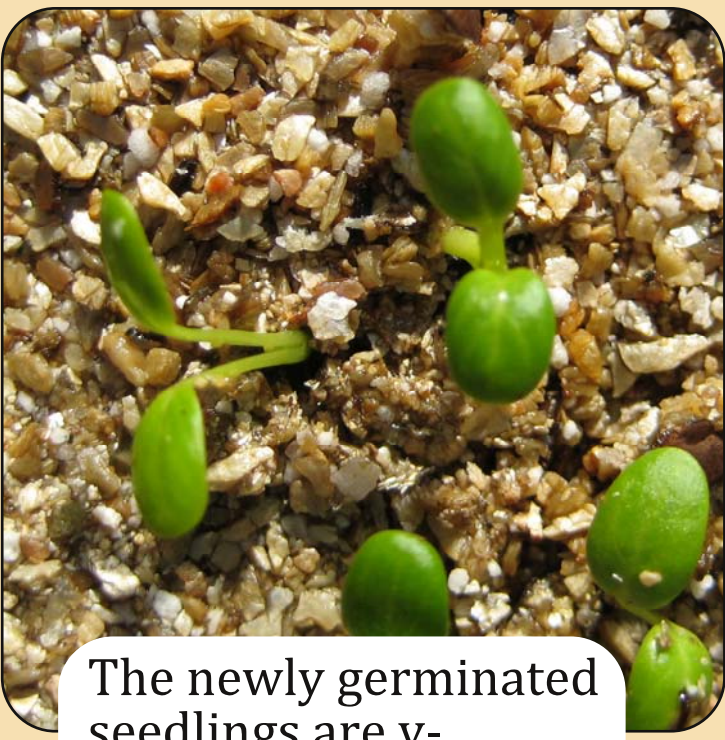




Asclepias tuberosa

Butterfly Milkweed



The newly germinated seedlings are v-shaped with thick rounded cotyledons.

The leaves and stems are covered with short dense hairs.



Leaves are long and narrow and are borne in pairs along the thin stems.



Unlike many other milkweeds, *Asclepias tuberosa* does not exude a milky sap when broken.



The young plant may develop a single stem or may be branched.

Notice the orderly opposite pairs of leaves.

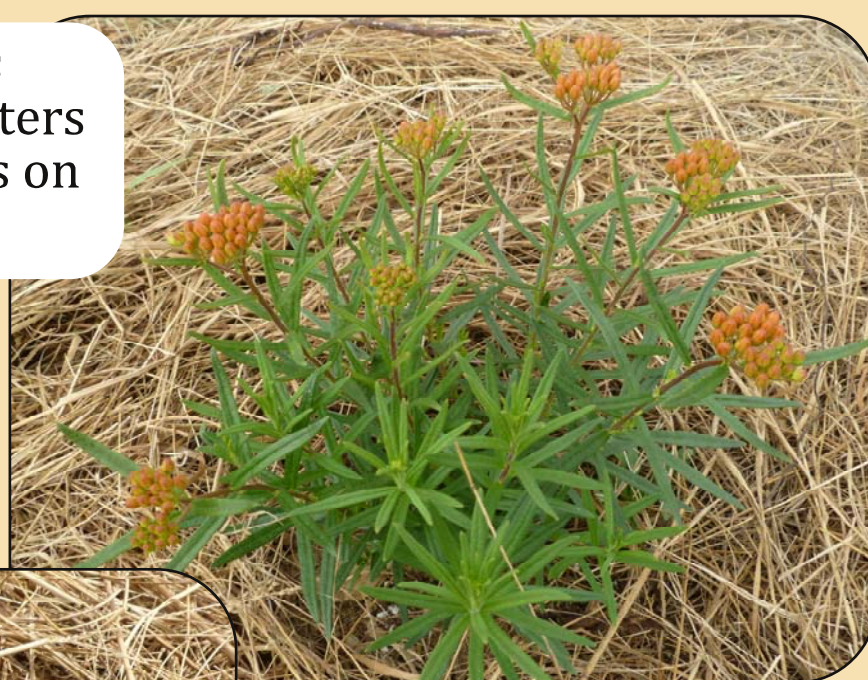


Leaves closest to the tips of stems may take on an alternate leaf arrangement as the plant matures.



Notice the thin hairy stems and long narrow leaves with prominent central veins.

Many short stems develop with clusters of orange flowers on the tips of each.



Asclepias tuberosa is a low-growing plant with many short flowering stems.



These orange aphids are a common site on *Asclepias tuberosa* seed pods.

