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GEORGIA POLLINATOR PLANT OF THE YEAR WINNER Georgia Native Category

Butterfly Weed
Asclepias tuberosa

ABOUT ME: Butterfly Weed is an herbaceous perennial wildflower that reaches 1-2' tall. This plant has highly branched stems with lance-shaped leaves.

PROPAGATION: Easy to propagate from seed or root cuttings. Check (pinch) for well-filled viable seeds and stratify for 30 days for uniform germination. Seeds need light to germinate. Root cuttings may be taken once plant has developed an adequate root system. Transplant 2" sections and bury them 1" below surface of potting media. Pot plants in deep cells for better drainage and tap root development.

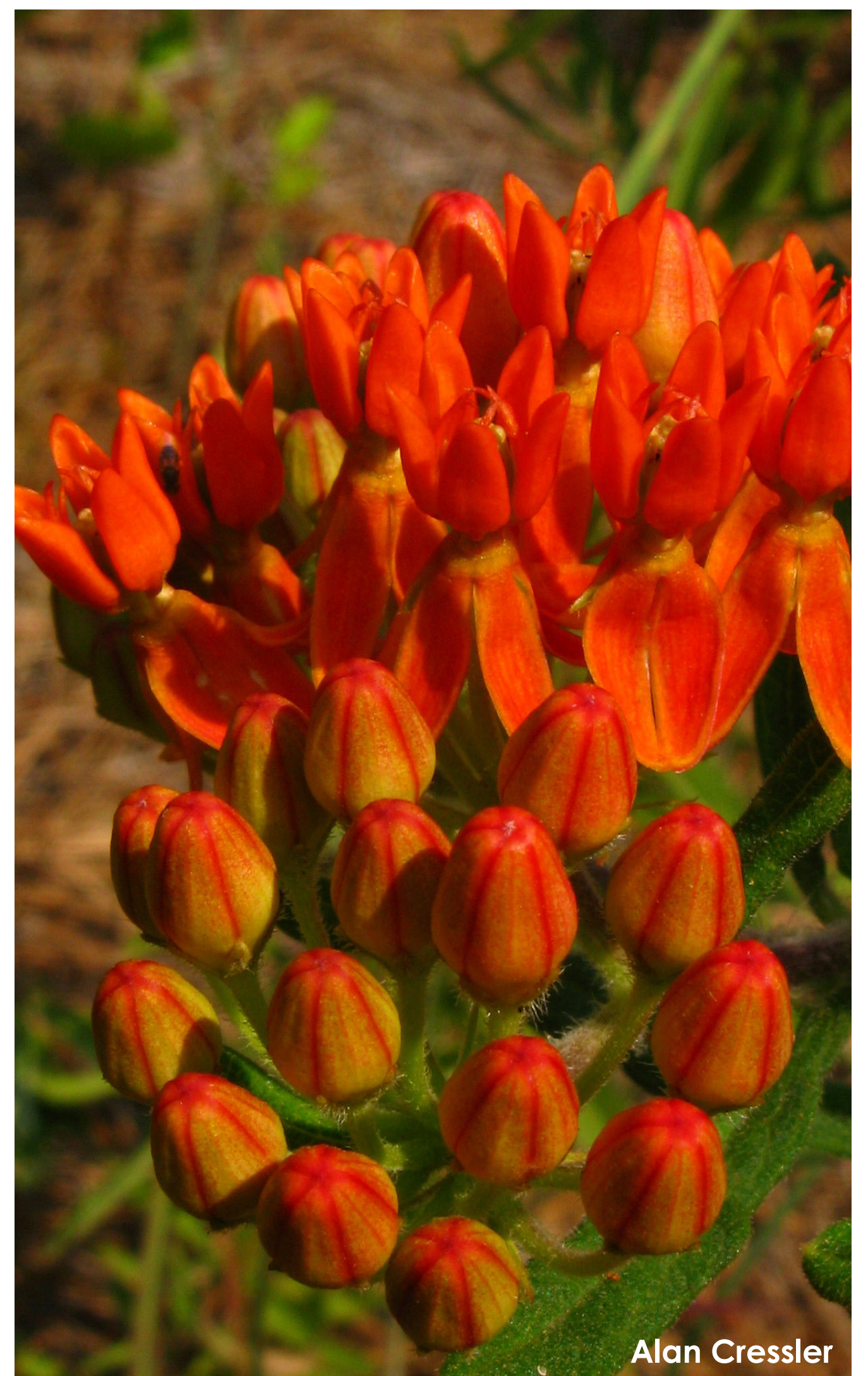
GROWING CONDITIONS: Drought-tolerant and prefers full sun and well-drained soil.

CONSERVATION VALUE: Larval host plant for Monarch Butterfly, Grey Hairstreak, Queen Butterfly and Milkweed Tussock Moth and a nectar source for bees, butterflies and hummingbirds.

CONSUMER APPEAL: Orange flowers are striking and long-lived; few other plants have such a bright orange color. Excellent for sunny borders, meadows and containers.



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