

SPREADING DOGBANE

Apocynum androsaemifolium

Plant Family:

Dogbane | Apocynaceae

This perennial is a relative of our well admired Milkweed, here in New Mexico, though not as frequented by Monarchs. It grows from 2 – 5 ft. containing oval, green leaves showing off clusters of small bell-shaped flowers.



The flowers are white with pink stripes in the insides of the petals and yellow centers. The smell of this plant is sweet like that of lilac. This plant typically can be found in forests, woodlands, prairies and meadows, growing in sandy or gravelly soils enjoying partial shade and some moisture. The fragrant flowers attract many varieties of wildlife including bees and butterflies such as the revered Monarch.

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