Asclepius incarnata L.  Swamp Milkweed

- Asclepius incarnata, also known as Algodoncillo, Rose Milkweed, Swamp Silkweed, or White Indian Hemp, is a similar herbaceous perennial species in many respects to A. tuberosa, but A. incarnata offers dark rose-pink to white flowers, a tolerance to periodically wet soils and greater cold tolerance (USDA zones 2 to 9) than A. tuberosa; although not as spectacular in flower as A. tuberosa, A. incarnata is a nice addition to the plant palette for wet sites and can be grown where soils tend to water log; flowers occur in late spring to summer; 'Ice Ballet' is a nice white flowering cultivar.

- Swamp Milkweed is native to much of the U.S. exclusive of far western portions; it is native to wet locations in our region; Swamp Milkweed is a bit coarser textured than A. tuberosa or A. curassavica; the specific epithet incarnata means pink in reference to the flowers.

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