

Asclepias speciosa

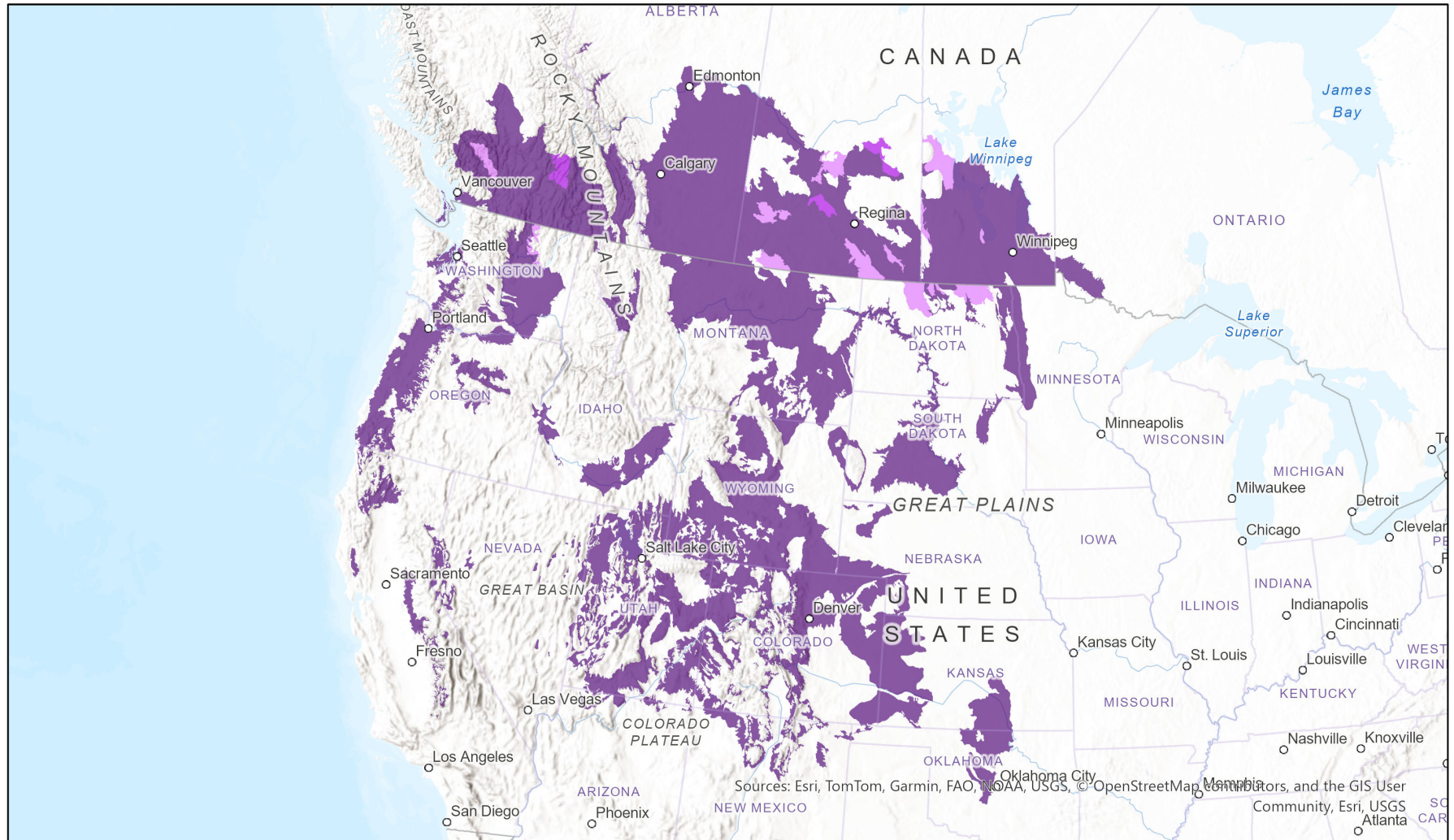


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Ecosystem-based Automated Range (EBAR)

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Synonyms Used: None



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Map centre: 109.2342°W 44.701°N
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Ecosystem-based Automated Range (EBAR) Metadata

Species

National Scientific Name:	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i> Torr.
Scientific Name Reference:	Kartesz, J.T. 1994. A synonymized checklist of the vascular flora of the United States, Canada, and Greenland. 2nd edition. 2 vols. Timber Press, Portland, OR.
National English Name:	Showy Milkweed
National French Name:	Belle asclépiade
Element National ID:	243977
Element Global ID:	128047 (go to NatureServe Explorer)
Element Code:	PDASC021S0
Endemism Type:	N
Canadian COSEWIC Name:	
Canadian COSEWIC ID:	
English COSEWIC Common Name:	
French COSEWIC Common Name:	

Rank/Status

Global Rank:	G5 (reviewed May 16, 2016)
National Rank (Canada):	N5 (reviewed 2023)
Subnational Ranks (Canada):	AB=S3, BC=S5, MB=S3S5, SK=S4
National Rank (United States):	NNR
Subnational Ranks (United States):	AZ=SNR, CA=SNR, CO=S5, IA=S3, ID=SNR, IL=SNR, KS=S5, MI=SNA, MN=SNR, MT=S5, ND=SNR, NE=SNR, NM=SNR, NV=S4, OK=SNR, OR=SNR, SD=SNR, TX=SNR, UT=SNR, WA=SNR, WI=SNR, WY=S5
National Rank (Mexico):	None
Subnational Ranks (Mexico):	None
Canadian SARA Status:	None
Canadian COSEWIC Status:	None
US ESA Status:	None

Range Map

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Comments:	None Please see spatial data for Ecoshape-level reviewer comments.
Disclaimer:	Please review our methods document before using EBAR. EBAR range data are relatively coarse scale and appropriate for screening and education purposes, but are not intended for all types of applications and analysis. The absence of data in any geographic areas does not necessarily mean that a species is not present. An ecoshape with a presence value does not necessarily mean that a species is present throughout the entire geographic area.
Presence Definitions:	(Please see Comments above for any exceptions) Present - the species is found within the ecoshape based on species observation data, Element Occurrences, Source Features, Canadian Federal Critical Habitat, or expert opinion. Presence Expected - expert opinion the species may be present, or the ecoshape overlapped with a range estimate or a habitat suitability model. Historical - all species occurrence data within the ecoshape contains observation data greater than 40 years old or an Element Occurrence (EO) that was ranked as Extirpated or Historical (EO Rank of H, H?, X or X?), or expert opinion that the species is extirpated or historical.
Usage Type Definitions:	(Please see Comments above for any exceptions) Breeding - the species is thought to breed within the ecoshape based on eBird Breeding and Behaviour Codes or expert opinion. Possible Breeding - the species is probably or possibly breeding within the ecoshape based on eBird, BBA or jurisdiction Breeding and Behaviour Codes, or on expert opinion.
Map Projection:	North America Albers Equal Area Conic (WKID 4269)

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Input References:	GBIF - Global Biodiversity Information Facility iNaturalist.ca - California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society iNaturalist.ca (original coordinates for obscured records) - California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society iNaturalist.org - California Academy of Sciences and the National Geographic Society Mission Monarch - Larrivee M, Prudic KL, McFarland K, Drapeau Picard AP, Charest S and Kerr J. 2018. Mission Monarch: a citizen-based monarch and milkweed database in the biological sciences. http://www.mission-monarch.org Montreal Insectarium - Larrivée, M. 2020. Montreal Insectarium (IMQC). Accessed via NatureCounts on 2024-08-28 SK Observation Points - Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre SK Observation Polygons - Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre
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