



# Common Milkweed Seed Collection and Planting - Superior National Forest 2011 Accomplishments

This project involved collecting seed from the native plant common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) for use in establishing new milkweed populations at five district offices and the Supervisor's Office. During fall 2011, milkweed seed was collected from multiple populations near Aurora, MN. The seed was mixed together and distributed to the five districts and the Supervisor's Office, where it was planted in open, sunny areas. The objective is to start milkweed patches and attract monarchs to administrative sites, to assist with future visitor education efforts about the monarch butterfly.



Figure 2. Common milkweed seed



Figure 1. Common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*) fruit at collection site

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