



## Balloon plant



**Plant Botanical Name:**

*Gomphocarpus physiocarpus*

**Plant Sub Species or Variety:**

'Magic Carpet Yellow'

**USBG Plant Location:**

National Garden

**Sunlight:**

Full sun

**Plant Soil Type:**

Most garden soils

**Plant Moisture Requirements:**

Low to dry conditions

This native southeast African plant is a wonderful butterfly plant. Its clusters of white flowers are insignificant but the light green balloon-like seed pods make a great focal point in the garden border and as a cut flower. It can be an aggressive self seeder so care should be taken. It is most commonly sold as *Asclepias physocarpus*.

**National Garden Room Location:**

Butterfly Garden

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