Asclepias syriaca  
COMMON MILKWEED  (Milkweed Family)  
in the Peacock Prairie at the James Woodworth Prairie Preserve

Flowers in umbels and with their petal-like part bent downward. The distinctive flowers have five erect hoods (the corona) comprising the upper part of the flower, with a curved horn projecting from each hood. Flowers fragrant. Hoods 1/8-1/6" long; horns curved, easily seen. Leaves short-stalked, oblong or oval, grayish-downy beneath. Pods with a warty surface. At the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie often about 4’ high (125 cm), blooms about the 1st week of June through the 1st week of August.

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