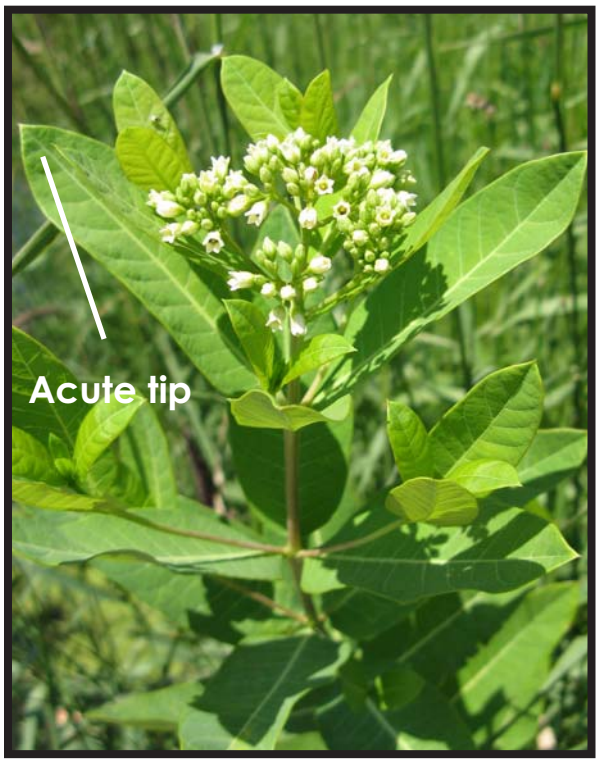
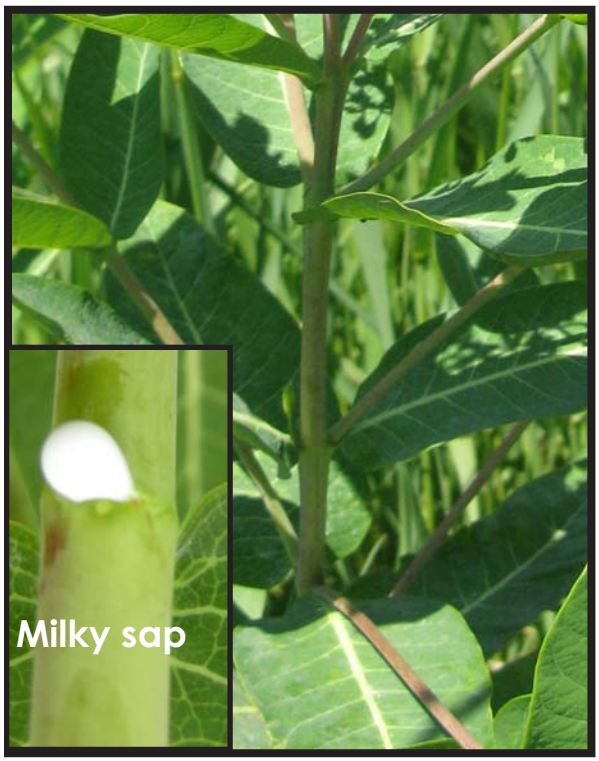
Hemp dogbane
Apocynum cannabinum

Minnesota C-Value: 3

Wetland Indicator Status: FAC+

Native





Leaves: Opposite, egg-shaped to lance-shaped, 5-11 cm long. Usually sharply pointed at tip (acute), smooth margin. Sessile or short stalked. Variable hairiness.

Stems: 2-5 ft tall. Stems erect, single from base, branching above. Often with reddish hue. Milky sap.

Flowers and fruit: Pale green-white flowers in branching clusters. Some clusters from leaf axils. Flowers have 5 petals and are slightly spreading outward.

Plant communities: Woodland edge, fields, ditches, prairies, thickets, disturbed sites.

Comments: Perennial, also known as Indian Hemp. Clasping Dogbane (*A. sibiricum*) has been reclassified as *A. cannabinum*. Spreading dogbane (*A. androsaemifolium*) has more branching and is a woodland species.