

ASCLEPIADORA VIRIDIS IN OHIO.

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While collecting spiders on the upland in the vicinity of Cantwell Cliff, in Hocking County, Ohio, Mr. W. M. Barrows noticed a peculiar appearing milkweed which he brought in to camp and turned over to the writer. Upon examination it proves to be *Asclepiadora viridis* (Walt) A. Gr. This is a southern plant listed as occurring from "Illinois to Kansas, Texas, South Carolina and Florida." It will be observed that the distribution as given is somewhat unusual, for most plants occurring both in Illinois and South Carolina also range further north in the east as well as across the southern states, following more or less typically Merriam's Carolinian area. The uplands on which it occurred have been found to harbor numerous other southern plants not known to occur within more than a hundred miles of the Sugar Grove area of which the present station is a part. Notable among these are *Viola hirsutula*, *Eupatorium rotundifolium* and *Eupatorium aromaticum*, which are abundant in some stations on the upland. The fact that only a single plant of *Asclepiadora* was found might be taken to indicate that it has been introduced in cultural operations, but when the habits of the milkweeds are taken into account it is seen that its solitary occurrence does not necessarily throw doubt on its nativity for several of the rarer milkweeds in our area (*Asclepias Sullivantii*, *A. amplexicaulis* and *A. variegata*) have been found only once or twice, although the district has been collected over rather thoroughly for a number of years. While there is not, therefore, sufficient basis for a positive assertion that the plant is native, that appears to be a more likely hypothesis, than that it is introduced. If this is to be accepted as the most likely supposition, its occurrence in the Sugar Grove area is a rather notable extension of its range.