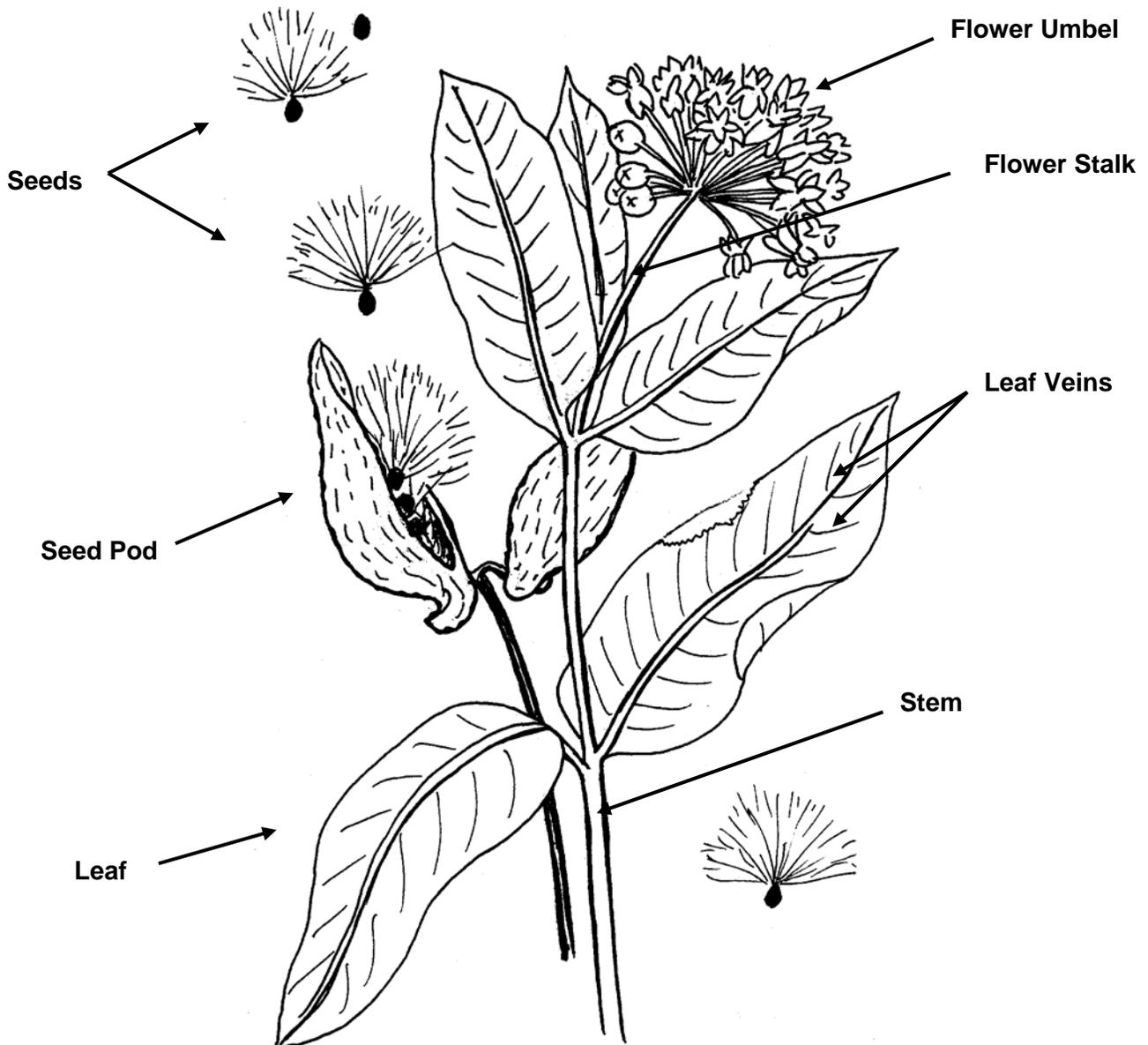


Anatomy of a Milkweed Plant



Common Name: Common Milkweed

Scientific Name: *Asclepias syriaca*

Family: Asclepiadaceae

Botanical Description: Stems tall and stout, mostly simple. Leaves thick, narrowly or broadly elliptic to ovate or oblong, 10-15 cm long. Leaf surface hairy underneath, smooth on top. Flower umbels often numerous, compactly many-flowered. Pods conic and hairy. Seeds accompanied by long silky hairs.