

Is SASE Really a Good Deal?

After joining about 15 facebook groups back in 2017 I noticed that many good folks where willing to give out free milkweed seeds to anyone sending them a SASE.
(Self Addressed Stamped Envelope)

So I did send out a few to fb members all over the USA to get a few free seeds in return, soon thereafter I learned through google that most of these seeds are also sold in our box stores and through online vendors for a couple of dollars per each packet of usually 100 seeds.

On top of that they are offered online through trustworthy suppliers by bulk (1 oz x \$ 20.00) that works out about 1200 to 4000 seeds for most milkweed species.

Being in Canada it was costing me \$ 2.50 for the SASE to get 30-50 seeds back from someone living in the USA. As you can see it was a bad deal in my case, (I would still do it if it was for a special native specie not found anywhere else)

Since the 3 most popular native milkweed seeds are even sold in our Canadian box stores then it makes more sense to buy them a few blocks away for \$ 1.99 rather than spending more money on SASE to get them for free.

The three most popular native milkweed plants in our area are: Common Milkweed, (Asclepia Syriaca) Swamp Milkweed, (Asclepia Incarnata) Butterfly Weed. (Asclepia Tuberosa)
You may find them a few blocks away from your house:

<http://savethemonarchbutterfly.ca/Milkweed-Seeds-Sold-Windsor.pdf>

Further more in order to really help monarchs in the future it would be a good idea to locate milkweed in roadsides, ditches, field, etc.. By harvesting seed pods and share them with your family, friends, co-workers, and anybody you come across on a daily base in your own town.

In my humble opinion anybody who's involved in creating butterfly-pollinators gardens should start developing their own strategic plans on how to get more people involved in your own communities in doing the same things as you're doing.

Do whatever you can and teach others to the same. The butterflies and pollinators will thank you for it.