

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

The mention of carnivorous plants for most people makes them think of the Venus Fly Trap. Well, it's true the Venus Fly Trap is a carnivorous plant, but there is others. And they're native too. They grow right here in our area. Like the Venus Fly Trap, they catch insects to provide them with necessary nutrients, however, they do not catch them in a trap like it does.

Sundews are a very small plant (2-3" across) with tiny slender leaves. The leaves are covered with numerous hairs that exude a very sticky sap at the end of the hairs. They appear as tiny dewdrops. These droplets are extremely sticky and are able to hold onto any insect that touches the plant. The more the insect moves the more it becomes "glued" to the plant. Enzymes are released through the droplets that digest the insect's body, making the nutrients available to the plant. The Venus Fly Trap has an active trap whereas the Sundews utilize a passive but very effective one none the less.

Our nature pitcher plants also utilize a passive trap but in a different manner. This plant has pitcher shaped leaves that are capable of holding water. They are a dull red or green in color with markings that "direct" the insect into the pitcher. However, the flared portion of the pitcher is lined with downward facing hairs. Consequently, the insect is unable to exit the pitcher. The insect eventually drowns or dies in the water of the pitcher that also contains enzymes that break down the insects body for its nutrients.

Compared to other plants, carnivorous plants have a fascinating method of obtaining some of their essential nutrients. Both the Sundews and Pitcher Plants are found growing in acid, boggy spots. Who knows maybe they're in your backyard?

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