

Quaker Meadows Carnivores

Pitcher Plant Care Sheet

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Genus: Sarracenia

Species:

Purpurea	Alata	Rosea
Oreophila	Psittacina	Flava
Leucophylla	Rubra	Minor



Basics for Bog Plants

- Keep plants wet at all times in tub or bowl with at least 2" of water - rainwater, distilled water or carbon filtered tap water.
- **No chlorinated water!**
- Medium: peat moss plus perlite (4:1 ratio) or peat moss plus pool filter sand (4:1.5 ratio).
- **No fertilizer!**
- Pots - only plastic or well-sealed ceramic
- Sunlight - full sun or min 6hrs

Pests

- Plants can be attacked by common pests such as aphids, mealy bugs, mites and fungi.
- Fungicides:
 - Physan
 - Serenade (organic)
 - Avoid copper-based
 - Sulfur based are okay
- Pesticides:
 - Bayer 3:1 disease, mite control
 - Orthene
 - Pyrethrins
 - Slug/snail bait - use on area around the plants, not on the medium or in the water container.
 - Mosquito bits - sprinkle in water container (prevents egg hatching) and on medium (prevents fungus gnats)
 - **No insecticidal soap!**

General Information

- Flowering - form in early spring and last all summer, petals will fall but the stem and seed pod remain
- Dormancy - occurs during Fall/Winter when the main pitcher leaves die back. Plants can tolerate well below 32°F if protected with pine needle mulch or a frost blanket. ALWAYS keep 2in of water in the container.

- Grooming plants - in Spring, plants will need to be cleared of decaying plant material on the rhizome. Long-handled tweezers and small snips are handy to use in this task. Periodically remove the carpet moss that forms on the surface of the medium. It tends to smother the plant if it gets too thick.
- Repotting - when plants outgrow their pot they will need to be repotted or divided. Prepare pot with pine needles in the bottom to prevent medium escaping from the pot holes. Then fill pot half way with medium. Position plant and fill medium around the plant roots, leaving the rhizome partially exposed on the surface. Make sure the medium is packed firmly. Lightly water the surface to settle the medium around the plant.
- Staking Plants - Plants with tall leaves may need to be supported, especially during windy times. Use only plastic, fiberglass or bamboo rods for stakes. Loosely secure the leaves to the stakes with hemp or foam-covered garden wire.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or assistance in caring for your plants. Phone or text 828-413-9136.

Happy Growing!!!!!!