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Sarracenia purpurea

Pitcher Plant



A beautiful carnivorous plant. Native to sphagnum bogs, and absolutely requires moist or swampy, acid soil, and sun. Obviously, this is not a plant for general landscape use, but could be a focal point of a carefully planned bog garden. Forms a rosette of leaves, bronze or green veined with red. The margins of each leaf curl up to form a "pitcher" in which rainwater collects and insects are trapped. In May-July, large, nodding, deep red flowers are borne singly on stalks up to 2' long.

Suggested companions: large cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*), leatherleaf (*Chamaedaphne calyculata*).

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Plant Type: Wildflower

Size: .5-2' H
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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Soil: Very Damp/Wet

Flower Color:

Bloom Time:

Other Attributes:

Deer resistant

Habitat:

Swamp/ Bog

Purple
Brown
Red

May
June
July
August

Exposure: sun

Plant in:

Groundcover: No