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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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat: Swamp/ Bog

Soil: Very Damp/Wet

Exposure: sun

Flower Color: Purple, Brown, Red

Bloom Time: May, June, July, August

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes: Deer resistant