



CASCADE CARNIVORES

CARNIVOROUS PLANT NURSERY

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Spring at Cascade Carnivores

Welcome to spring! We do hope that you are out enjoying the spring weather, having fun seeing how your carnivorous plants are responding to the longer, warmer days. This is a good time for the temperate plants, such as Venus Flytraps and American Pitcher Plants, and our many native sundews. We grow these outdoors here in Washington State, and this is always one of our favorite seasons.

USPS Rates Change

Effective May 14, 2007, new rates for all USPS services go into effect. Our repeat customers will notice the difference as our checkout pages reflect these new rates. Priority Mail has gone from \$4.05 to \$4.60 for 1 pound or less.

Plant Pests

Take a moment, if you haven't already done so, and look a bit closer at your emerging Venus Flytrap leaves and new flower stalks and pitchers. Why? This is the time of the year for aphids and other pests. They also have been awaiting the arrival of spring with the warmer weather, and the tender new growth of your precious CPs.

See anything? Common pests include aphids, mealy bugs, thripes and fungus gnats, but also the common garden-variety slugs and snails. If so, here are some things to try. Many pests can be flushed off with water, or picked off by hand. Beware of insecticidal soaps, as soaps can have a damaging effect on carnivorous plants. Also, oils used in treating a pest problem can cause more harm than good, where CPs are concerned.

When using insecticides it is important to stick to chemicals that are proven safe with these plants, as these products are rarely, if ever, tested with carnivores. At Cascade Carnivores, we use primarily Orthene and Merit (imidicloprid), both wettable powders. Merit is by far our favorite, but it is expensive. Dosage amounts are very low, however, so a little goes a long ways. Both have a systemic effect, as the roots take some up and provide extended protection. Another thing to try is a pet flea collar. Try to use the type that is not covered with powder, but emits a (mostly) harmless gas. These work especially well in enclosed areas, such as terrariums. Place the collar, or maybe a 2-inch piece of the collar, in close proximity to the plants, not actually touching them. When trying these or other chemical treatments, always try on a test plant or two,

not on your entire collection, at least until you have gained some experience in what works for you. And always follow all products' warnings as stated on the package.

New Catalog Items

Nepenthes (Tropical Pitcher Plants) additions:

N. eymae – (Sulawesi) – small, robust plants, leafspan 2” to 3” or larger **\$24**

N. inermis – (West Sumatra) – small vigorously growing, leafspan 2” to 3” **\$45**

Back in stock: N. ramispina – (Malaysia) – medium plants, leafspan 6” to 7” **\$24**

Coming Soon: Nepenthes burbidgeae – (Pig Hill-Borneo) – medium plants

N. mira – (Philippines) – medium plants

N. ventricosa – (Philippines) – medium plants

Pinguicula (Butterwort) additions - all are \$10 unless otherwise noted:

Pinguicula ‘George Sargent’

Pinguicula “Weser”

Pinguicula laeana - \$14

Pinguicula “Tina”

Pinguicula “John Rizzi”

Pinguicula “Huahuapan”

Drosera (Sundew) additions:

Drosera capensis “Alba” (white flowers) – small plants, **\$8.00**

Drosera capensis “All Red” (pink flowers) – medium plants, **\$8.00**

Drosera capensis “Broad Leaf” (typical) – large, blooming sized plants, **\$12.00**

Drosera madagascariensis (Okavango Delta, Botswana) – small plants, **\$6.00**

Seeds – Prices include 1st class Mail shipping:

Drosophyllum lusitanicum (Dewy Pine) seeds – 15 seeds, **\$11.50**

Nepenthes ventricosa seeds – 50 seeds, **\$3.00**

Please note: The following pictures are intended to be representative of the plants we sell, and in many case are larger and more highly developed specimens than the plants in our catalog.



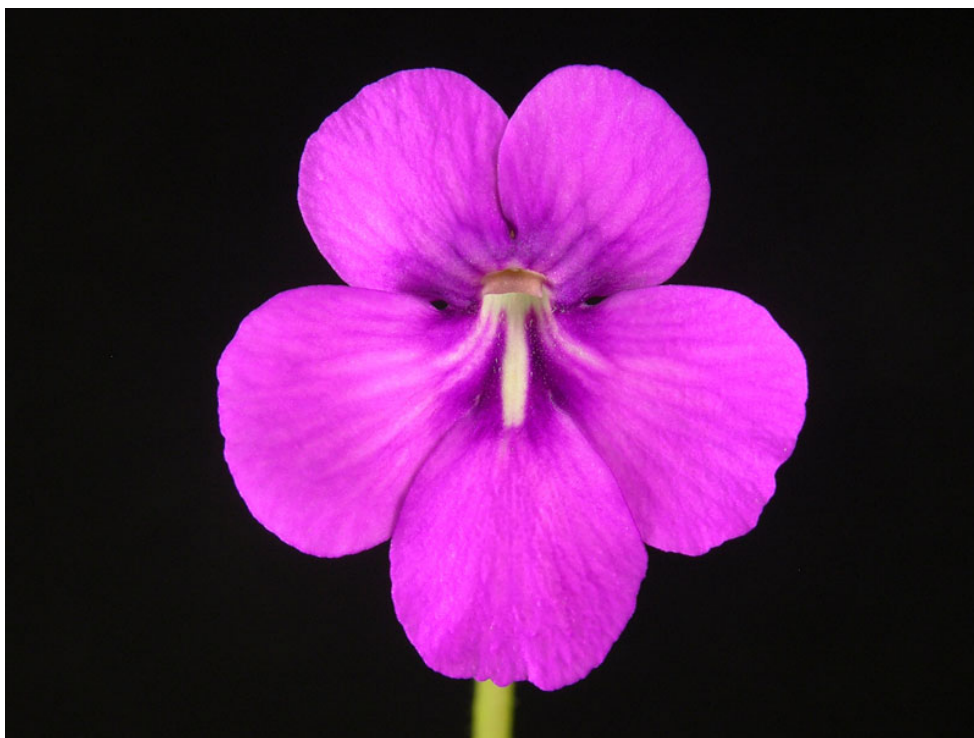
Nepenthes inermis – upper trap on a nearly mature plant



Nepenthes ramispina - 8" Pitcher



Pinguicula 'Huahuapan'



P. x 'Weser'



Drosera capensis "Broad Leaf"

Thank you for your continued interest and support!

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