CARNIVOROUS PLANTS

Carnivorous plants are plants which get nutrients from trapping and eating animals. They are often called insectivorous plants, because they usually trap insects. Since they get some of their food from animals, carnivorous plants can grow in places where the soil is thin, or poor in nutrients. This is true for soils with little nitrogen, such as acidic bogs and rock outcrops. Charles Darwin wrote the first well-known book on carnivorous plants in 1875.







This ability of plants to catch animals is true carnivory. There are more than twelve types in five families. These include about 625 species that attract and trap prey, produce digestive enzymes, and use their nutrients.

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT

1. CAN YOU MENTION OTHER NAME FOR CARNIVOROUS PLANTS?

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2. WHAT DO THEY EAT?

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3. WHO WROTE THE FIRST BOOK ABOUT THEM? IN WHICH YEAR?

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4. HOW MANY SPECIES ARE THERE?

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5. CAN YOU GIVE 2 ADJECTIVES ABOUT THESE PLANTS?

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