

22 Carnivorous Plants

Not only animals, there are many plants that eat meat. They are called **carnivorous plants**. Carnivorous plants have some very cunning devices to trap their prey.

Look at the pictures of some carnivorous plants. Read the clues and identify them :

1. This carnivorous plant has pitchers that hang on long tendrils. When insects sit on the slippery rim of the pitchers, they tumble into the water below.



2. This carnivorous plant has jaw like leaf trap with nectar. Once the insect lands, the jaws clamp shut on the prey in a fraction of a second.



3. The golden leaves of this carnivorous plant ooze a deadly glue trap. Insects get stuck when they land on the leaf.



4. This carnivorous plant has hairy sticky tentacles. In no time these tentacles tighten their grip around the prey.



5. This carnivorous plant has bladders that were once thought to be air sacs to trap the plant afloat. In fact, bladders are tiny traps for water insects.



6. This carnivorous plant has a deep tube into which the insects fall.



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- The common name for nepenthes is pitcher plant.
- A Venus flytrap's trap will only shut if touched at least twice in 20 seconds.



Sarracenia, Bladderwort, Sundew, Butterwort, Venus Flytrap, Nepenthes