

Purple pitcher plant

Sarracenia purpurea Also known as: **Side saddle flower, Huntsman's cup, Common pitcher plant, Sweet pitcher plant**

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This description is for **Purple pitcher plant** (*Sarracenia purpurea*):

There's nothing like a pitcher full of a refreshing beverage after a hard day's work in the garden, but there's another pitcher you may also welcome into your outdoor space - *sarracenia purpurea* or the purple pitcher plant. The pitchers of this carnivorous plant are smaller than other species of pitcher plants but no less eye-catching. Purple or green in colour, they have pretty purple veins and an attractive frilly hood at the lip of the pitcher. It also has reddish-purple flowers that bloom in spring. The purple pitcher plant likes well-drained but moist loamy to sandy soil in sunny or partially shaded areas and is content to grow in a bog garden or alternatively in a container, making it a striking and viable option for a courtyard garden or an attention-grabbing talking point near an outdoor seating area.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? no	Acidity Acidic Neutral	Standard category Exotic, house plants & other Carnivorous
Height [m] 0.1 - 0.15	Hardiness zone Z2-9	Grown for None

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Spread [m] 1	Heat zone H9-1	Creative category For Beginners Pond plants For every season Tough survivors
Dominant flower colour Purple	Winter temperatures [°C] -46 - -1	Garden type Bog garden Indoor or winter garden Containers
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Heat days 0 - 150	Garden spaces Flower beds
Foliage in spring Pink or purple	Moisture poorly-drained boggy	Gardening expertise beginner
Foliage in summer Pink or purple	Soil type sandy loams	Time to reach full size up to 10 years
Foliage in Autumn Pink or purple	Sun requirements Partial shade	
Foliage in winter Pink or purple	Exposure Sheltered	
Propagation methods seed division		
Growth habit Clump-forming		