

# Venus mouse trap

*Dionaea muscipula* Also known as: **Venus fly trap**, **Venus Flytrap**

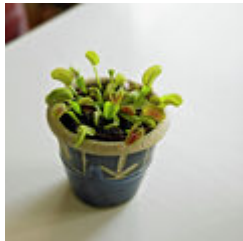
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This description is for **Venus mouse trap (Dionaea muscipula)**:

## Watch as this plant eats poor innocent flies. The plant of choice for any serial killer.

The iconic Venus Flytrap is a delightful plant to grow, and has wonderful hinged pairs of leaves that form a clam shape. It's these that trap flies, giving *Dionaea muscipula* its well known name. These close thanks to hair like sensors that are aware when an insect enters, causing the leaves to close and trap it. Then chemicals inside the plant break it down, and the unfortunate victim is digested by the plant. During the summer it blooms with tiny white flowers. Grow indoors or in a conservatory, and place in a partially shaded of full sun position for the best results.



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Plant	Environment	Usage
<b>Known dangers?</b> no	<b>Acidity</b> Acidic Neutral	<b>Standard category</b> Exotic, house plants & other Carnivorous
<b>Height [m]</b> 0.15 - 0.45	<b>Hardiness zone</b> Z12-15	<b>Grown for</b> Ornamental Foliage
<b>Spread [m]</b> 0.15	<b>Heat zone</b> H12-1	<b>Creative category</b> Kid Approved For Beginners
<b>Dominant flower colour</b> White	<b>Heat days</b> 0 - 210	<b>Garden type</b> Indoor or winter garden Containers
<b>Flower Fragrance</b> No, neutral please	<b>Moisture</b> well-drained but frequently watered	<b>Gardening expertise</b> beginner
<b>Flowering seasons</b> Early summer Mid summer	<b>Soil type</b> sandy	<b>Time to reach full size</b> 2 to 5 years
<b>Foliage in spring</b> Red shades	<b>Sun requirements</b> Full sun Partial shade	
<b>Foliage in summer</b> Red shades	<b>Exposure</b> Sheltered	
<b>Foliage in Autumn</b> Red shades		
<b>Foliage in winter</b> Red shades		
<b>Propagation methods</b> seed division leaf cuttings		
<b>Growth habit</b> Clump-forming Spreading		