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Plant Botanical Name:

Sarracenia

Plant Threat Level:

Threatened

Notice that the flowers of pitcher plants, or Sarracenia, are quite different from the foliage. In early spring, flowers emerge and the new "pitchers" emerge la modified leaves that trap insects. Insects are attracted into the pitchers and are unable to exit due to a combination of slippery surfaces and tiny downward the inside. Pitcher plants are found in damp, nutrient-poor soils throughout the Southeast and Gulf Coast through the Great Lakes region into Canada. Thr include habitat loss, fire suppression, agriculture, development and over-collection. Sarracenia are protected by the Endangered Species Act, CITES (Con Trade in Endangered Species) and through inclusion on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

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