



SARRACENIA (Pitcher Plant) CARE

The Bug Bat Pitcher Plant is a medium/tall cultivar (6"-16") with copper-colored pitchers, topped with rounded, arching, reddish hoods. The trap tops are narrow and express red and white coloration with distinctive veining and rows of white areoles (windows). It is a vigorous plant that readily forms dense colonies.

Pitcher plants are perennial bog dwellers, preferring sunny, moist, acidic soils. They can retain their color into fall when frost can knock them down. The flowers are dark red and fragrant, and generally bloom mid-season.

'Bug Bat' is a simple plant to care for if you maintain certain cultural parameters:

The potting soil should hold water well and be acidic. 3- to 5-parts peat moss to 1 part sand works well, although commercial "carnivorous plant" mixes are also good.

Keep them in relatively small containers – a 4" plastic pot is fine. (I like decorative, glazed pots.)

Keep them moist to wet, always. Drying is to be avoided.

Sarracenias grow best in full to part sun.

They prefer very warm summers and cool winters. If you have an outdoor bog garden, they're good up until frost. Humidity is usually not an issue unless extreme in either direction. Here in southeastern North Carolina, they thrive in summer heat out on a deck, and on an unheated porch in winter.

They can be grown outdoors, on windowsills, in a terrarium or greenhouse.

DO NOT FERTILIZE them! They thrive in poor soils and gobble up bugs to compensate.