

Some plants live in situations where their roots cannot obtain sufficient nutrients, and so they have evolved mechanisms to trap insects and then digest the contents of their bodies.

Native to the jungles and highlands of Southeast Asia, *Nepenthes* tropical pitcher plants are renowned for their wide variety of shapes and colors. They are also known as "Monkey Cups" because monkeys drink water from them.

The pitchers that dangle from slender stems of this unusual tropical plant look otherworldly, emerging from the tips of spear-shaped green leaves. The pitchers' color and nectar attracts insects, which drown when they fall in.



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Nepenthes hybrids

PITCHER PLANT 'TROPICAL'



Light

Set in a bright spot out of direct sun with good ventilation.

Bright indirect light

Watering

Never stand in a tray of water, but keep the potting medium moist. Water from above with distilled water, deionized water, rainwater, or reverse-osmosis system water. The OCCASIONAL use of tap water is ok.

They do not like water logged soil, too much water in the container will cause root rot.

Feeding

Generally you won't need to fertilize this plant if it is feeding normally. It is ok to fertilize them with a diluted orchid fertilizer once a month.

Planting & Care

Pitcher Plants can NOT be planted in regular potting soil. They prefer a mix of orchid bark, perlite, and chopped sphagnum moss. Use a 1:1:1 ratio of ingredients.

Repot every 2-3 years.

Don't forget to open windows to allow insects in for the plant to feed on.

Size

Up to 12x18"

Flower

Remove any flowers as they appear in the spring as they will weaken the plant.

Temperature

45-95°F

Humidity

Moderate-High

Care

Average

