

# Venus Flytrap



**Attracts small insects with sweet smelling nectar, then snaps shut and digests the meal!**

## *Dionaea muscipula*

- **Use:** The world renowned Venus Flytrap is the most spectacular example of carnivorous plants thanks to the dramatic manner in which it catches its prey. Being one amongst the small number of plants capable of very rapid movement, it can snap shut to catch even the fastest of insects; a feat beyond even most people! Combined with its bright colors and outright alien appearance, this plant never fails to capture the imagination.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Keep planting mix very moist at all times; Using distilled water is best. Place in bright indirect sunlight indoors. Performs well at an average indoor temperature. To fertilize it, just feed it insects! If that's too icky a very mild amount of fertilizer applied directly to the traps will suffice. When watering them, soak the soil and then allow it to get moderately dry before doing so again.
- **Growth:** Grows 12" tall and 8-10" wide, larger over long periods of time.
- **Hardiness:** 9-11, Annual, houseplant It prefers warmer places, though it can tolerate temperatures down to the low 40s F. Some humidity is also important, though less so than other carnivorous plants.
- **Foliage:** Remove old leaves and traps as they turn black. Keep plants at (35°-50°F) from Nov-Feb when dormant.
- **Flower:** In spring new leaves and flowers will appear. Remove flower for stronger, larger traps. If transplanting, use peat moss.