



Drosera (Sundews)



Drosera filiformis

There are many different kinds of sundews in the world. Some are trickier to grow than others. One thing they all love is direct sunlight for at least half the day.

A grower can narrow down their requirements to four basic categories: Boggy, Tuberous, Pygmy and Tropical.

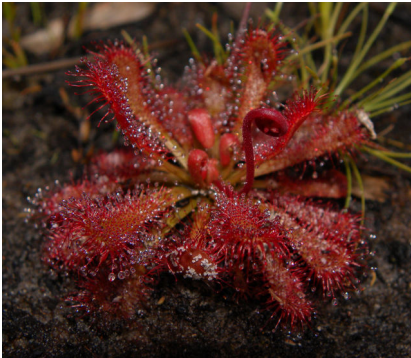
PYGMY



Drosera barbigerata

Water Pygmy *Droseras* all year round but don't bog them down. In Autumn they will make gemmae (green pieces emerging in the centre), which can be spread around the parent plant. Mist the gemmae daily to encourage them to become new plants. Pygmy *Droseras* may be tiny but their flowers are often as big as the plant itself.

BOGGY



Drosera spatulata

These are the typical varieties and easiest to grow.

- 1) Keep them wet all year round by sitting them in a tray of water.
- 2) Flood them when watering to keep salt from building up.
- 3) Only drop bugs on their dewy leaves.

TROPICAL



Drosera indica

The QLD three (*D. adaeae*, *D. prolifera* and *D. schizandra*) prefer partial sun. Grow them like pygmy sundews – wet all year long but not boggy. They like humidity, so try and cover them with a plastic dome.

TUBEROUS



Drosera bulbosa
subsp bulbosaa

All but one will die back and go dormant in summer. Rest the pot in shade then, letting it dry out, but not bone dry; moisten the surface once a week. Keep them wet but not boggy once they emerge and give them plenty of sun. The long ones can vine over a trellis easily enough.

South African sundews that go dormant can be treated in the same way.

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