

Green Pitcher Plant

(*Sarracenia oreophila*)



About me: I am a carnivorous plant found in only 35 isolated areas in the Appalachian Mountains.

Why I'm rare: I live in areas with a high, clean water table and along stream banks. I'm sensitive to disturbance and livestock trample me.

My story: I eat beetles, wasps, and other insects! I attract insects to the bottom of my "pitcher" shaped leaves, where I create digestive juices that slowly dissolve them, allowing me to survive in low-nutrient soils.

How you can help: Make sure you don't buy plants that were wild harvested. Illegal poaching of wild plants is perhaps the biggest threat to my survival.



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