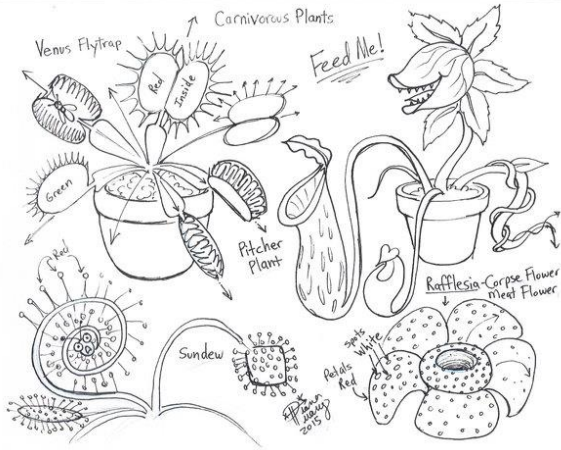




Caring for Carnivorous Plants

(Venus-fly trap, Pitcher plant, Sundews and Butterwort.)



Care for the Venus-fly Traps and other carnivores is very easy. These plants will take care of themselves as far as feeding. Did you know that a trap only requires a few insects a year? Give them a lot of sunlight (2 to 3 hours of morning sun). Keep the plant extremely humid (sit it in a tray of water w/out its lid or keep the lid on to help increase the humidity) don't allow the soil to go completely dry between watering. Use distilled or filtered water. As these plants mature their traps or cups will turn black and die. Just cut the dead parts off and

watch new growth appear in less than six weeks.

In the winter months you should let your plant go dormant. Cut back the leaves, put the whole plant in its pot or dig up the bulb (corm) and put into a Ziploc bag (not sealed) and place in the refrigerator for about 6 to 10 weeks. Repot into the same size pot with Fairy moss (New Zealand sphagnum moss). Place pot in a dish of water and in a window with good sunlight and warmth. The plant should sprout in about 2 weeks. If it doesn't, cover it loosely with a Ziploc bag.