

**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 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.



Green Pitcher Plant(*Sarracenia oreophila*)

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