



Carnivorous plants, l to r: Threadleaf Sundew, Sarracenia ALLRED, hybrid North American Pitcher Plant, Sarracenia and Grass Pink Orchid-PetFlyTrap. Photos courtesy of petflytrap.com

**LOW SPOT IN YARD?
BOG-DWELLING CARNIVOROUS
PLANTS LOVING OUR RAINS . . .**

& first ever Free Texas Carnivorous Plant Show, Sale & Swap!

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Springtime in the Houston area is known for being a good time to be outdoors, and also for having frequent and often copious rains. This year is no different – mild temperatures and soft earth as the rains saturate our yards make it the perfect time for planting! But what to plant?

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While they prefer acidic, nutrient-deficient soil, bog-dwelling carnivorous plants (CPs) can certainly handle the moisture. Many are wonderful outdoor plants, and can even handle our full sun conditions – which is saying something.

Planting a variety of North American Pitcher Plants, such as the robust and colorful *Sarracenia* 'Maroon' and tall and stately *Sarracenia leucophylla*, can make quite the display in a half-barrel planter.

Add in some low-growing Venus Flytraps, sundews such as *Drosera filiformis*, and some colorful companion plants like Grass Pink Orchids (*Calopogon*) and Orange Milkwort (*Polygala lutea*), and you have quite an eye (and bug) catching display for all to enjoy!

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