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Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant

Sarracenia x moorei 'Conversation Piece'

Height: 26 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Description:

This carnivorous plant consists of a rosette of ascending basal leaves that are tubular in shape; fragrant, deep burgundy blooms rise on stalks from the center of the rosette in late spring to early summer; a stunning addition to bog gardens or containers

Ornamental Features

Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant features showy fragrant nodding burgundy flowers with a lime green flare rising above the foliage from early to late spring. Its attractive recurved leaves remain lime green in color with showy burgundy variegation throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant is an herbaceous perennial with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its medium texture blends into the garden, but can always be balanced by a couple of finer or coarser plants for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance plant, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting bees to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant flowers
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Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. Its foliage tends to remain dense right to the ground, not requiring facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and tends to be biennial, meaning that it puts on vegetative growth the first year, flowers the second, and then dies. As an herbaceous perennial, this plant will usually die back to the crown each winter, and will regrow from the base each spring. Be careful not to disturb the crown in late winter when it may not be readily seen!

This plant does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in moist to wet soil, and will even tolerate some standing water. This plant does not require much in the way of fertilizing once established. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, acidic soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.; however, as a cultivated variety, be aware that it may be subject to certain restrictions or prohibitions on propagation.

Conversation Piece Pitcher Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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