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Garden and Landscape Plant Finder

Bug Bat Pitcher Plant

Sarracenia 'Bug Bat'



Bug Bat Pitcher Plant
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Height: 16 inches

Spread: 12 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7a

Description:

This carnivorous plant consists of a rosettes of tubular foliage with brick red hoods, tapering to chartreuse speckled with white; fragrant, deep burgundy blooms rise on stalks from the center of the rosette in late spring to early summer

Ornamental Features

Bug Bat Pitcher Plant features showy fragrant nodding burgundy flowers rising above the foliage from late spring to mid summer. Its attractive recurved leaves remain brick red in color with distinctive white spots and tinges of chartreuse throughout the season.

Landscape Attributes

Bug Bat 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.

Bug Bat Pitcher Plant is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting
- Bog Gardens



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BRUNSWICK
422 Bath Road
Brunswick, ME 04011
1-800-339-8111
207-442-8111

FALMOUTH
89 Foreside Road
Falmouth, ME 04105
1-800-244-3860
207-781-3860

CUMBERLAND
201 Gray Rd (Route 100)
Cumberland, ME 04021
1-800-348-8498
207-829-5619

Planting & Growing

Bug Bat Pitcher Plant will grow to be about 14 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 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 is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, 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.

Bug Bat Pitcher Plant is a fine choice for the garden, but it is also a good selection for planting in outdoor pots and containers. It is often used as a 'filler' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination, providing a mass of flowers and foliage against which the larger thriller plants stand out. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden. Be aware that in our climate, this plant may be too tender to survive the winter if left outdoors in a container. Contact our experts for more information on how to protect it over the winter months.