



## CARNIVOROUS PLANT SEED KIT GUIDE

**Venus Flytraps seeds are small, black and shiny, Trumpet Pitcher seeds are a pale brown colour and the Sundew seeds are tiny and dustlike. Gently scratch the Sundew seedhead to transfer the seeds.**

1. Put the compost in the pot and thoroughly wet the compost, using rainwater, distilled, or filtered water.
2. Sow the seed(s) on the surface of the compost.
3. Seeds do not need covering with compost, but lightly press to ensure good contact with the soil.
4. Place the pot in a saucer of water to keep the compost damp at all time.
5. Place the dome over the top – this will also keep the compost damp.
6. Place the pot in a bright position, but not in direct sun.
7. It is a good idea to write the date of sowing on a label.
8. Remove the dome when the first actual traps appear. The first leaves will just look like a normal tiny leaf – the traps will follow.
9. Seeds take up to 12 weeks to germinate, but if sown in the autumn, they may not germinate until the following spring. The Sundew is the fastest. They are very small at first but even these tiny seedlings catch minute insects.
10. Re-pot at 1 year old using carnivorous plant compost

**Plants will be at full size at approximately 3 years old for a Venus Flytrap, and 5 years for a Trumpet Pitcher. Sundews will grow much faster and you will have a nice plant within a year.**