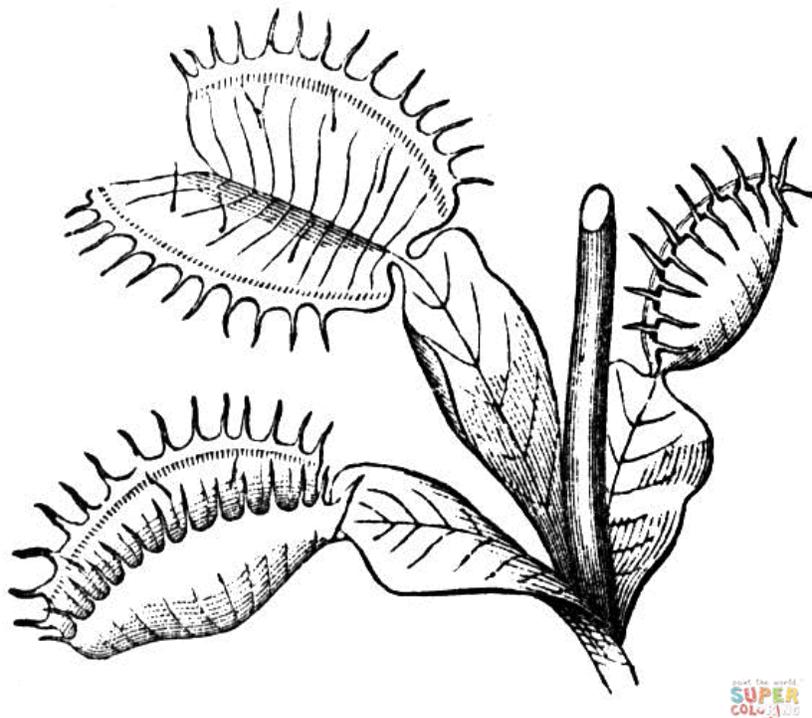


State Carnivorous Plant of North Carolina: Venus Flytrap

The bill to elect the Venus Fly Trap was proposed by the students of North Stanly High School in Stanly County, and was sponsored by Senator William Purcell of Scotland County. The logic behind the bill was that if North Carolina had a state flower and bird, it should also have a state plant. The Senate supported the bill with a vote of 47 to 1.

The Venus flytrap is the only known plant that moves to entrap its prey. Though it is known and cultivated throughout the world, it is native only to a small area of the Coastal Plain in North and South Carolina (mostly within a 75 mile radius around Wilmington). The sandy, mineral-low soil of this region is why the plant is carnivorous, as insects provide Flytraps with nitrogen, phosphorus, and other essential nutrients. Despite its name, the Venus Flytrap does not usually eat flies, but rather other crawling insects that are drawn to it such as beetles or ants.



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