

Venus Fly Trap

The scientific name for this wonderous plant is *Dionaea Muscipula*. It makes a sticky liquid in its mouth to stop prey getting out, it will catch and digest almost any insect. It has sensitive hairs in its mouth and its mouth



closes when anything touches them, when its mouth is closed it uses acid to kill its prey. The stem of the Venus fly trap can grow from 3cm to 10cm, the height of the plant itself can be up to 30cm. The Venus fly trap was

originally found in North and South Carolina.

Orchids

The orchid is the most diverse plant. There are 25,000-30,000 different species, 10,000 of these can be found in rainforests. They will live in almost all habitats. Some orchids live better in colder habitats. On some orchids the leaves can grow up to 30cm in length. There are 2 types of orchid, house orchids

which live inside and wild orchids which live outside. Orchids come in almost every colour you can imagine but not black.



AMAZING PLANTS



Rafflesia

The Rafflesia is the world's largest flower, its buds are the size and shape of a cabbage. It is a parasite so it grows off another plant. This flower has no leaves and barely any stem at all. It is better known as Corpse flower. The reason it has that name is it smells like a rotting animal to attract flies.



When it is germinated its roots grow inside a vine. It has 5 spotty petals that come out of its bud. The maximum weight of a Rafflesia is 10 kilograms. Its fruit is eaten by tree shrews.

Pitcher Plant

The Pitcher plant is one of the strangest and cleverest plants the world has ever seen. It tricks its victims into thinking that its jug of acid is water and when the unlucky animal comes over to take a drink it slips in the acid and is quickly digested.



The largest species can eat snakes, frogs and even birds. These clever plants can be found on the banks of marshes, swamps and fresh water rivers.

Strangler Fig

One of the most unusual rainforest plants is the weird and wacky strangler fig. What it does comes from the name. This strange plant's seed falls from birds' waste, into the tree tops, and grows down to its victim. The strangler's method is extremely clever and this is it: When the seed has dropped the killer grows down to its host.



Next it covers the tree, blocking its sunlight the tree slowly dies. After that, the death machine takes over what is now a dead tree. This scary plant grows 5m every year and is a death trap for Cabbage Palms and a lot of other trees!