



Tropical pitcher plants of the genus *Nepenthes* are among the most ornate and bizarre plants in the world.

*Nepenthes* are found in a diversity of habitats, from coastal scrub, limestone cliffs, rainforest and moss-forests.

Species from warm low-elevation forests are generally termed "lowlanders" whereas those occurring in cool high-elevation forests are termed "highlanders".

*Nepenthes* are herbaceous plants - most grow as vines climbing other vegetation by means of the curling tendrils.

Though beautiful in form and colour, it is perhaps the carnivorous nature of *Nepenthes* which is the most remarkable feature.

The fluid within a mature open pitcher is a complex mixture of enzymes, bacteria, and prey carcasses. I

In recent years there has been a great revival of interest in Nepenthes in the horticultural trade and it ha

