

Example Text: Description

Pitcher Plants

Plants might not be able to walk, but they can set traps.

The pitcher plant's leaves are shaped like a jug or a pitcher and form a deep cavity. These pitchers are found at the end of a long stem like tendril and may even have a small lid like flap to cover the opening. Some are brightly coloured and they have a sugary coating along the edge of their leaves. Some pitcher plants are small and only catch insects. Others, however, are large enough to catch frogs and mice. This is why they are known as carnivorous plants.

An insect flies by to taste the sugar. But the sides of the leaves are very steep and the insect falls down the slippery slope and is trapped. The insect drowns in a pool of juices at the bottom of the plant. The plant only eats the soft parts. The skeleton is left. Piles of skeletons can collect at the bottom of the pitcher plant.

