

Sarracenia 'Freja'

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Origins

This Sarracenia originated from a cross pollination I did between a plant of Sarracenia x excellens and S. 'Victoria Morley'.

Characteristics

Although pleased with the shape and colour of the 'Victoria Morley' parent of this hybrid, I thought I could do better with regard to stockiness; I quite like self-supporting Sarracenia plants that do not require staking.

The cross produced some colourful seedlings, some of which I'm still selecting from, with many resembling a red x excellens plant in shape and colour. S. 'Freja' quickly stood out as a notable plant from its siblings due to its exceptional vigour, and had matured and flowered before many of its brothers and sisters had even been potted on...

The pitchers are short, stocky and self-supporting, usually about 30 to 35 cm high. The pitchers open greeny-pink, but quickly turn bright pink in sun. Older pitchers can become very dark purple over time with very little other colour visible. One of the most interesting features of this cultivar is that a network of green veins which can stand out markedly across the outer surface of the pitcher, particularly towards the front. Late summer and autumn pitchers are often a bit less pink and more green, not colouring up as much as early-season ones, and sometimes have a slight "pinch" in the pitcher tube. The flowers have pink petals.

Pitcher production is all summer-long, and the plant is proving to be extremely vigorous and quick to divide.

Cultivation

To preserve the unique characteristics of the plant, Sarracenia 'Freja' should only be propagated vegetatively.

Etymology

The cultivar is proposed as *Sarracenia* 'Freja', named after my eldest daughter.

Photos

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