PLANT FACT SHEET

Drosera rotundifolia Linn.

GENUS *Drosera* **FAMILY** Droseraceae

COMMON NAMES Round-leafed sundew, Dewplant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - drink

The leaves are used to distill a liquor. It is mixed with brandy, raisins and sugar and fermented.
The juice from the leaves is used to curdle milk.

DESCRIPTION

A small herb. It forms rings or leaves. It can be an annual or keep growing from year to year. It grows 5-10 cm high and spreads 10 cm wide. The leaves are cup shaped and on fine stalks. The flowers are very small and white or pink. They have 5 petals. They are on a leafless stalk. The fruit are capsules of winged seeds.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It mostly grows on sphagnum moss. It needs wet peat in the sun. It is frost hardy. It suits hardiness zones 3-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. Leaf cuttings can be used. Plants can also be grown from root cuttings.

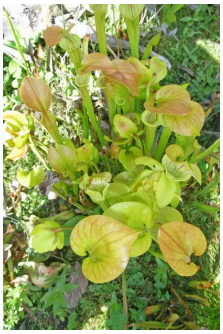
NOTES

It is used in medicine. It contains plumbagin.

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