

## SARRACENIACEAE – PITCHER-PLANT FAMILY

**Plant:** herbs, carnivorous plant

**Stem:**

**Root:**

**Leaves:** modified into a pitcher-like container that holds water, sometimes winged, sometimes with downward pointed hairs

**Flowers:** perfect, actinomorphic; 5 petals or none, 4-5 sepals (usually colored), usually solitary on scape but rarely a raceme; many stamens; ovary superior, 3-5 carpels, 1 style

**Fruit:** a capsule

**Other:** Dicotyledons Group

**Genera:** 3 genera; locally *Sarracenia*

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Crimson [White Top] Pitcher Plant; *Sarracenia leucophylla* Raf.  
[Purple] Northern Pitcher Plant; *Sarracenia purpurea* L. ssp. *purpurea*

# Crimson [White Top] Pitcher Plant

*Sarracenia leucophylla* Raf.

Sarraceniaceae (Pitcher-Plant Family)

Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park, Escambia  
County, Florida

Notes: flower nodding, 5 petals and sepals of  
usually maroon or red, petals usually fall early, on  
long scape; leaves modified into a white-topped  
(veined with red and purple) pitcher container that  
holds water – insects provide nutrients for the  
plant; bogs and low areas; spring

[V Max Brown, 2012]



# [Purple] Northern Pitcherplant

*Sarracenia purpurea* L. ssp. *purpurea*

Sarraceniaceae (Pitcher-Plant Family)

Waterloo Recreation Area, Washtenaw County, Michigan

Notes: 5 petals and sepals of usually red, petals usually fall early, on long scape; leaves modified into pitcher container that holds water – insects provide nutrients for the plant, downward pointed hairs help to contain insects; bogs; late spring to early fall

[V Max Brown, 2008]

