



Canebrake pitcher plant



Plant Botanical Name:

Sarracenia rubra

Plant Sub Species or Variety:

ssp. *Alabamensis*

Often found with canebrake bamboo (*Arundinaria gigantea*), a native bamboo, *Sarracenia alabamensis* is also known as the canebrake pitcher plant. With stocky pitchers and wavy lids, this pitcher plant can reach up to 30 inches in height. One of the rarest native pitcher plants in the United States, *Sarracenia alabamensis* is protected under conservation laws, including the U.S. Endangered Species Act and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). In the 1960s, this plant could be found at 30 sites in Central Alabama, but due to significant habitat loss,

today the canebrake pitcher plant is only found at 11 sites in only two counties in Alabama. Draining land for agriculture, falling water tables, suppression of fire and poaching have all lead to the drastic reduction in the natural range of the canebrake pitcher plant. *Photo credit: Center for Plant Conservation*

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