**Sarracenia purpurea, Pitcher Plant**

**Parts Used** - Root, leaves.

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A strange, perennial plant, the leaves of which form cups, often richly colored. These cups fill with water and small insects. The insects gradually form a decaying mass, which emits a strong odor.

**Medicinal Uses** – Tonic, laxative, digestive aid and diuretic.

This plant was commonly used in the southern United States to treat indigestion. North American Indians also used it to treat smallpox.

These plants are currently being investigated as a source of a new class of anti-fungal drugs for treating infections.