

PLANTS TO READ ABOUT

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PLANT PORTRAIT

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Botanical classification	Drosera aliciae
Family	Droseraceae
Origin	Western and eastern Cape regions of South Africa
Delivery size	9 cm pot · delivery height not stated
Growth	Small ground-level rosettes with spoon-shaped glandular trapping leaves; old leaves may form a low pedestal

Care at a glance

Observe, check and adapt care to the position and season. This table provides guidance for everyday practice.

Topic	What to do	Why it helps
Light	Very bright; introduce sun gradually.	Light supports trapping secretion and healthy new growth.
Water	Keep evenly moist with low-mineral water.	Complete drying damages the small root ball.
Saucer	Monitor a small reserve; do not let compost dry out.	Demand varies with sun, wind and temperature.
Compost	Acidic low-nutrient carnivore mix.	Pre-fertilised potting compost is unsuitable for this culture.
Trapping leaves	Do not touch or spray to make them shine.	The plant produces trapping secretion itself.
Nutrition	No kitchen scraps or ordinary fertiliser routine.	Suitable prey is caught independently.
Winter	Continue very bright frost-free cultivation.	This South African species is not a native winter-hardy <i>Drosera</i> .
Maintenance	Carefully remove dead material.	The sensitive rosette centre remains untouched.

Knowledge that grows

Shiny points with a purpose

Drosera aliciae belongs to the sundew family and forms small densely leafy rosettes. Fine reddish glandular hairs carrying shiny trapping secretion sit on the spoon-shaped leaves. These are not ordinary water drops. Small insects may stick to them and provide additional nutrients. The species comes from South Africa and grows in damp sites there. It must not be equated with a native winter-hardy sundew. The correct spelling is *aliciae*; the shortened spelling *alicae* also appears in the shop.

A low rosette in a 9 cm pot

The offer states a 9 cm pot but no fixed delivery height. The original photograph shows several low rosettes with green leaf surfaces and reddish tentacles. Rosette number and colour may naturally vary. A bright easily reached position makes it possible to examine the small trapping leaves closely. Avoid constantly touching them. Secretion may be weaker immediately after transport. Check water and position and watch fresh growth rather than spraying the leaves with water to make them shine.

Light that actually reaches the plant

Plenty of brightness supports healthy new growth and typical colouring. Gradually acclimatise to direct sun after delivery or a change of position. A dark kitchen corner is not suitable simply because fruit flies occur there. A sheltered summer position outdoors may suit if root-ball moisture and temperature are monitored. Bring the plant in before cold arrives and continue frost-free cultivation. Avoid heat build-up under glass. It does not need a freezing winter rest like some native sundews. With reduced winter light, pay attention to actual water consumption.

Low-mineral water keeps the root ball moist

Clean rainwater or suitable low-mineral water forms the basis. During growth, the pot may stand in a small water reserve; the shop mentions approximately one centimetre. Check regularly, especially in sun and wind. The saucer may briefly be empty while the compost still remains clearly moist. Avoid complete drying. An acidic low-nutrient carnivore mix with an open structure is suitable. Do not top up with ordinary pre-fertilised potting compost. Supply water to the root zone rather than repeatedly giving the trapping leaves a strong shower.

Let it catch rather than feed it

The plant can catch suitable small prey itself. Meat, cheese and other kitchen scraps do not belong on its leaves. Ordinary houseplant fertilising is also no good starting point for this culture. A single plant does not reliably clear a room of fruit flies; their breeding sources must be removed independently. For observation, simply let the plant grow. Do not stimulate tentacles with objects or wipe them. A healthy new leaf crown is more informative than the number of insects currently caught.

Distinguish old foliage from new rosettes

Older leaves may dry and remain beneath the rosette. If needed, remove only clearly dead material without injuring the centre. A spent flower stalk may be cut back cleanly if seeds are not wanted. This does not guarantee faster repeat flowering. With distorted fresh growth, also inspect for aphids or other pests; do not spray home remedies at random. When repotting, protect the few sensitive roots and use an appropriately deep suitable pot. Seed sowing and leaf propagation are possible, but the purchased plant first needs stable conditions.

Pictures and details

Images and descriptions from this portrait. Decorative items are not included in the offer.



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Good to know

Are the shiny drops rainwater?

No. The glandular hairs produce their own sticky trapping secretion.

Why are some drops missing after shipping?

Transport and changed conditions may temporarily affect secretion. Check light and moisture and observe new leaves.

Does one plant reliably rid the kitchen of fruit flies?

No. It may catch individual insects but does not replace removing breeding sources.

Can Alice sundew remain outside in winter?

This South African species is cultivated frost-free here. Do not equate it with winter-hardy native sundews.

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