GOOD NEWS: *DROSERA LONGIFOLIA* L. REJECTED, *SARRACENIA PURPUREA* L. CONSERVED WITH A NEW TYPE

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Drosera longifolia L. versus *Drosera intermedia* Hayne and *Drosera anglica* Hudson

The Committee for Spermatophyta (see for example Brummitt, 1999) has voted by 11: 0 to reject the name *Drosera longifolia* L. (Brummitt *pers. comm.*), as proposed by Cheek (Cheek, 1998). This is good news for those who wish to keep applying the names *Drosera anglica* Huds. and *Drosera intermedia* Hayne in the sense in which they have been used in recent decades in most books on carnivorous plants (e.g. Schnell, 1976; Slack, 1979) and in most Floras (e.g. Tutin *et al.*, 1993). These two broadly similar circumboreal species were treated by Linnaeus as one species, *Drosera longifolia*, in 1753 and were not separated until some years later. Plant nomenclature is ruled by the law of priority so *Drosera longifolia*, being published earlier, has priority over both *Drosera intermedia* and *Drosera anglica*. This has caused confusion over nearly two centuries. Eventually an informal consensus emerged among botanists to ignore the name *Drosera longifolia*, as reflected in national and regional flora accounts. The exception has been in French Floras where, in the main, *Drosera longifolia* has been preferred to *Drosera anglica*. A few years ago I was alerted by Don Schnell to the danger that *Drosera longifolia* L. was edging towards common currency again in various European works. Fortunately the International Code of Botanical Nomenclature now allows the possibility of protecting against name changes of well-known species brought about by observing the principle of priority. Protection is achieved by publishing a case for the protection of the existing usage of a name in Taxon, the Journal of the International Association of Plant Taxonomists, and awaiting the judgement of the Committee of Spermatophyta. This judgement has now been made: only eight votes in favour from the committee are required and eleven have cast in favour. *Drosera longifolia* L. can now be officially and eternally ignored as a threat to *D. anglica* Huds. and *D. intermedia* Hayne. We can all afford a sigh of relief.

Sarracenia purpurea L. subsp. *purpurea* is the northern subspecies or the southern?

Of course, the northern subspecies of *Sarracenia purpurea* is *S. purpurea* subsp. *purpurea*, and the southern one *Sarracenia purpurea* subsp. *venosa* (Raf.) Wherry (e.g. Schnell, 1976; Slack, 1979). However, as pointed out by Reveal (1993) this application of names is contrary to the Code. Because McDaniel (1976) lectotypified *Sarracenia purpurea* on a southern element instead of a northern one, the southern subspecies and not the northern should be called *S. purpurea* subsp. *purpurea*. See Cheek (1994) for full explanation. In order to oppose Reveal's reve-

lation and to maintain existing usage, another proposal was prepared for Taxon, this time to conserve *Sarracenia purpurea* with a new type of the northern subspecies, expressly so as to maintain the existing application of subspecific names in *Sarracenia purpurea* (Cheek *et al.*, 1997). The Committee for Spermatophyta has now adjudicated in favour of this proposal, again by voting 11: 0 (Brummitt *pers. comm.*). Thus, the name *Sarracenia purpurea* subsp. *purpurea* can, despite McDaniel's lectotypification, still be used in the sense that it has been in the last 20-30 years, which is for the northern, and not the southern subspecies.

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New Cultivars Registered in 2000

Name	Established by, in	Registered on
Sarracenia 'Abandoned Hope'	P. D'Amato, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:46 (2000)	4. 7. 2000
Sarracenia 'Imhotep'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:14 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Sarracenia 'Lamentations'	P. D'Amato, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29: 47 (2000)	4. 7. 2000
Sarracenia 'Spatter Pattern'	P. D'Amato, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29: 47 (2000)	4. 7. 2000
Dionaea Dentate Traps Group	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:16 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Dionaea 'Dentate Traps'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:16 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Dionaea 'Sawtooth'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:16 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Nepenthes 'Bruce Bednar'	A. Marshall, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:87 (2000)	1. 10. 2000
Nepenthes 'Frau Anna Babl'	P. D'Amato, Savage Garden: 260 (1998)	1. 10. 2000
Nepenthes 'Ile de France'	Hort.M.Lecoufle ex Kusakabe, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 12:6 (1983)	14. 1. 2000
Nepenthes 'Marie'	P. D'Amato, Savage Garden: 260 (1998)	1. 10. 2000
Nepenthes 'Nora'	P. D'Amato, Savage Garden: 260 (1998)	1. 10. 2000
Pinguicula 'Hanka'	M. Studnicka, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:46 (2000)	4. 7. 2000
Pinguicula 'Pirouette'	J. Brittnacher, B. Meyers-Rice & L. Song, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:17 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Utricularia 'Cthulhu'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:20 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Utricularia 'Lavinia Whateley'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:20 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Utricularia 'Mrs. Marsh'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:20 (2000)	30. 3. 2000
Utricularia 'Yog-Sothoth'	B. Meyers-Rice, Carniv. Pl. Newslett. 29:20 (2000)	30. 3. 2000