

# *DROSERA CAPENSIS* - AN UNUSUAL CRESTATE FORM?

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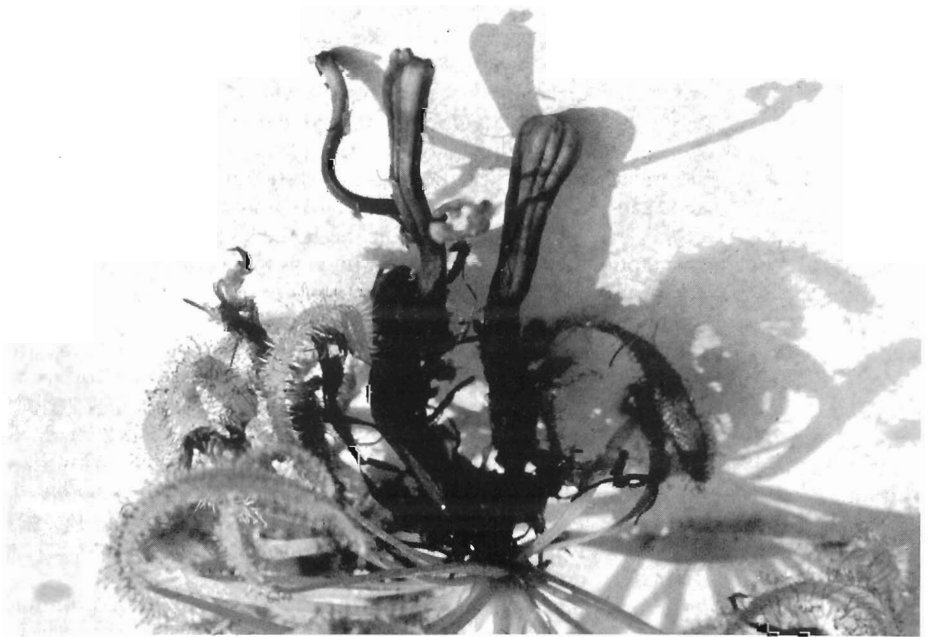
After reading Bob Hanrahan's article in the June issue of CPN, I thought this item might be an interesting follow-up.

Several months ago, another grower sent me two small *Drosera capensis* (narrow leaf) plants that were supposed to be "crestate." The plants did not look unusual but were supposed to develop the crestate tendencies as they matured. I planted the two specimens in a tray of sphagnum with a few other *Drosera* and waited. Weeks went by and the plants grew normally except for a slight "waviness" of the leaves.

Finally after three months, I pretty much gave up on the idea of the plants

ever becoming "crestate." I took several leaves from each to cut up for propagation purposes and pulled up the two plants. (I intended to cut up the roots also for propagating since I had only a few *Capensis* plants at the time.)

Much to my surprise, the roots were "crestate"! (See photo.) After taking several photographs, I snipped off a couple of the roots for propagating and repotted the plants. Both the leaf and root cuttings are starting to bud but it is much too soon to guess whether the new plants will again have "crestate" roots. Perhaps this time the *leaves* will show this abnormality.



*Drosera capensis* with crestate roots.

Photo by Steve Boddy.