Literature Review


The author describes some new morphological features and a detailed description of the heteromorphic habit of the epiphytic species, *P. lignicola* and its relationship to *P. casabitoana* from Espanola.

Cheek, M.R. 1987. A new species of Drosera from South Africa. Kew Bulletin 42(3): 738. *Drosera slackii*, named after Adrian Slack, is herein described. The species somewhat resemble *D. cuneifolia* but is distinct in leaf and flower characteristics. The plant was discovered somewhat serendipitously when sent to Slack from a source in South Africa and listed by him in his Marston Exotics catalog as “D. sp. ‘Highland Red’”. The range is somewhat limited but it is locally abundant along stream margins at 500-700 m within 1 mile of the sea in Cape Province.


When stimulated, the digestive gland cells change in cell wall morphology, and secretory activity increases dramatically. Using a form of radioactive sugar called galactose, there is a selective activation of a specific population of cells in the digestive gland with the Golgi apparatus primarily involved in this activation.


Using an azo dye biochemical test for acid and alkaline phosphatase, the author showed that heavy staining occurred in gland cells and in some interior dorsal epidermal cells. Positive results for acid phosphatase were demonstrated in *Sarracenia purpurea*, *flava* and *Utricularia cornuta*, minor and vulgaris.


The author describes a new species of *Drosera*, *D. rechingeri* from collections taken from SW. Australia.

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