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Introduction

For species conservation and for taxonomic purposes it is necessary to know the geographical distribution of the species concerned. The "value" of a region as a resource of biodiversity is usually estimated from the number of species occurring in and/or endemic to it. However, simple species numbers are not always a reliable measure of biodiversity because they depend on the circumscriptions of species, which can vary considerably with the species concept applied. In order to arrive at a somewhat more consolidated basis, taxonomic ranks above species (viz. section, genus, and family) have been added in the present survey. Additionally, a division between Lentibulariaceae + Byblidaceae (sympetalous plants) and the other (diapetalous) families has been made in order to reflect differences between groups of different phylogenetic origin. The sympetalous families are believed to be members of a younger group (appearing in Early Tertiary) than the diapetalous ones. While there are certainly young species in several of the other groups (e.g. in *Drosera*), the respective families are comparatively old (with assumedly pre-Tertiary origins).

In the following tables, the numbers of carnivorous plant species endemic to/occurring in the world's floristic regions and provinces (as outlined by Takhtajan, 1986) are given. Data were taken from the carnivorous plant database on the internet (http://www.labs.agilent.com/bot/cp_home). The families considered are: Droseraceae, Drosophyllaceae, Dioncophyllaceae, Nepenthaceae, Cephalotaceae, Roridulaceae, Sarraceniaceae, Byblidaceae, and Lentibulariaceae. Sectional classification follows Casper (1966) for *Pinguicula*, Fromm-Trinta (1977) for *Genlisea*, Schlauer (1996) for *Drosera*, and Taylor (1989) for *Utricularia*. No sections (i.e. only one section for all species in the genus) were recognized in *Nepenthes* (the genus does not show marked infrageneric differentiation above species level, and former attempts at a sectional classification were obviously artificial) and the remaining small genera.

Several taxa occur in more than one province, but some of these taxa are restricted to a single region. Therefore, the count of taxa endemic to a region may exceed the sum of taxa endemic to its constituent provinces.

The floristic regions and provinces are defined as follows:

I. Circumboreal Region	56 Western Himalaya
1 Arctic	57 Central Tien Shan
2 Atlantic Europe	58 Dzungaria-Tien Shan
3 Central Europe	59 Mongolia
4 Illyria or Balkan	60 Tibet
5 Pontus Euxinus	IX. Madrean Region
6 Caucasus	61 Great Basin
7 Eastern Europe	62 California
8 Northern Europe	63 Sonora
9 Western Siberia	64 Mexican Highlands
10 Altai-Sayan	X. Guineo-Congolian Region
11 Central Siberia	65 Upper Guinea
12 Transbaikalia	66 Nigeria-Cameroun
13 Northeastern Siberia	67 Congo
14 Okhotsk-Kamchatka	XI. Usambara-Zululand Region
15 Canada incl. Great Lakes	68 Zanzibar-Inhambane
II. Eastern Asiatic Region	69 Tongoland-Pondoland
16 Manchuria	XII. Sudano-Zambezian Region
17 Sakhalin-Hokkaido	70 Zambezi
18 Japan-Korea	71 Sahel
19 Volcano-Bonin	72 Sudan
20 Ryukyu or Tokara-Okinawa	73 Somalia-Ethiopia
21 Taiwan	74 South Arabia
22 Northern China	75 Socotra
23 Central China	76 Oman
24 Southeastern China	77 South Iran
25 Sikang-Yuennan	78 Sindia
26 Northern Burma	XIII. Karoo-Namib Region
27 Eastern Himalaya	79 Namibia
28 Khasi-Manipur	80 Namaland
III. North American Atlantic Region	81 Western Cape
29 Appalachians	82 Karoo
30 Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain	XIV. St.Helena and Ascension Region
31 North American Prairies	83 St. Helena and Ascension
IV. Rocky Mountain Region	XV. Madagascan Region
32 Vancouver	84 Eastern Madagascar
33 Rocky Mountains	85 Western Madagascar
V. Macaronesian Region	86 Southern and Southwestern Madagascar
34 Azores	87 Comoro
35 Madeira	88 Mascarenes
36 Canaries	89 Seychelles
37 Cape Verde	XVI. Indian Region
VI. Mediterranean Region	90 Ceylon (Sri Lanka)
38 Southern Morocco	91 Malabar
39 Southwestern Mediterranean	92 Deccan
40 South Mediterranean	93 Upper Gangetic Plain
41 Iberia	94 Bengal
42 Baleares	XVII. Indochinese Region
43 Liguria-Tyrrhenia	95 South Burma
44 Adriatic	96 Andamanes
45 East Mediterranean	97 South China
46 Crimea-Novorossijsk	98 Thailand
VII. Saharo-Arabian Region	99 North Indochina
47 Sahara	100 Annam
48 Egypt-Arabia	101 South Indochina
VIII. Irano-Turanian Region	XVIII. Malesian Region
49 Mesopotamia	102 Malaya
50 Central Anatolia	103 Borneo
51 Armenia-Iran	104 Philippines
52 Hyrcania	105 Sumatra
53 Turania or Aralo-Caspia	106 South Malesia
54 Turkestan	107 Celebes
55 Northern Baluchistan	108 Moluccas and W New Guinea

109	Papua	XXIX. Northeast Australian Region
110	Bismarck Archipelago	131 North Australia
XIX.	Fijian Region	132 Queensland
111	New Hebrides	133 Southeast Australia
112	Fiji	134 Tasmania
XX.	Polynesian Region	XXX. Southwest Australian Region
113	Micronesia	135 Southwest Australia
114	Polynesia	XXXI. Central Australian or Eremaean Region
XXI.	Hawaiian Region	136 Eremaea
115	Hawaii	XXXII. Fernandezian Region
XXII.	Neocaledonian Region	137 Juan Fernandez
116	New Caledonia	XXXIII. Chile-Patagonian Region
XXIII.	Caribbean Region	138 Northern Chile
117	Central America	139 Central Chile
118	West Indies	140 Pampas
119	Galapagos	141 Patagonia
XXIV.	Region of the Guayana Highlands	142 Tierra del Fuego
120	Guayana	XXXIV. Region of the South Subantarctic Islands
XXV.	Amazonian Region	143 Tristan-Gough
121	Amazonia	144 Kerguelen
122	Llanos	XXXV. Neozeylandic Region
XXVI.	Brazilian Region	145 Lord Howe
123	Caatingas	146 Norfolk
124	Central Brazilian Uplands	147 Kermadec
125	Chaco	148 Northern New Zealand
126	Atlantic Brazil	149 Central New Zealand
127	Parana	150 Southern New Zealand
XXVII.	Andean Region	151 Chatham
128	Northern Andes	152 New Zealand Subantarctic Islands
129	Central Andes	
XXVIII.	Cape Region	
130	Cape	

Conclusions and Recommendations

Generally, centres with comparatively high numbers of indigenous carnivorous plant taxa are also centres of carnivorous plant endemism (SW Australia and the Malesian region for dialypetalous carnivorous plants, in the first line the genera *Drosera* and *Nepenthes*, respectively; Mexico, the Guayana Highland, and N Australia for sympetalous carnivorous plants, in the first line *Pinguicula* and *Utricularia*). The areas of greatest species richness are usually also rich in indigenous and endemic sections. Generic and family diversity is fairly low in most regions (the highest count of indigenous genera being five in SE N America and in Upper Guinea, the highest family count being four in W New Guinea, NE and SW Australia). Endemic genera are found in SE N America (*Dionaea*), W N America (*Darlingtonia*), the SW Mediterranean (*Drosophyllum*), Upper Guinea (*Triphyophyllum*), the Guayana Highland (*Heliamphora*), the Cape region (*Roridula*), and SW Australia (*Cephalotus*).

Future efforts of species and especially of habitat conservation in connection with carnivorous plants should take into account the global "importance" of the floristic regions and provinces concerned. Floristic provinces marked by high endemism should be given particular attention. Perhaps surprisingly for some, areas of great carnivorous plant diversity (especially at higher taxonomic ranks like genera and families) are not confined to the tropics or to developing countries. It is to be hoped that this information will reach the persons and organizations responsible for and in charge of appropriate legislation.

Table I. Global diversity of carnivorous plants. Numbers of taxa are given. If no taxa occur in a region with more than one province, the null data for the individual provinces have been omitted. E: endemic; I: indigenous.

Region	Province	Dialypetalous						Sympetalous									
		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		Families		Genera		Sections		Species	
		E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I
I	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	9
	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	12
	3	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	3	1	12
	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	6
	5	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4
	6	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	7	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	5
	8	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	8
	9	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	6
	10	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	7
	11	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	7
	12	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	6
	13	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	6
	14	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	6
	15	0	2	0	2	0	2	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	6	0	15
	Total	15	0	3	0	3	0	3	2	7	0	1	0	2	0	9	3
II	16	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4
	17	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	6
	18	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	6	0	1	0	2	0	6	2	13
	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0
	21	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	7
	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0
	23	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	8
	24	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	7
	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	0
	26	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	8
	27	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	11
	28	0	2	0	2	0	3	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	10
	Total	13	0	2	0	3	0	6	1	9	0	1	0	2	0	9	6
III	29	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	14
	30	0	2	1	3	1	3	7	13	0	1	0	2	0	6	6	20
	31	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	6
	Total	3	0	2	1	3	1	3	11	17	0	1	0	2	0	6	8
IV	32	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	7
	33	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
	Total	2	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	4	0	1	0	2	0	2	0
V	Total	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 1: Continued

Region	Province	Dialypetalous						Sympetalous										
		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		
		E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	
VI	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	6	
	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	
	41	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	3	5	
	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	
	43	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	3	
	44	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	
	45	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	
	46	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	9	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	5	4	15
VII	Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIII	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	51	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	53	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	
	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	59	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	60	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	16	
	Total	12	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	17
IX	61	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	
	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	
	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	10	36	42	
	Total	4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	10	36	43
X	65	0	2	1	3	1	4	1	4	0	1	0	2	0	10	4	27	
	66	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	2	1	11	2	26	
	67	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	9	1	25	
	Total	3	1	2	1	3	1	4	1	7	0	1	0	2	2	12	9	38
XI	68	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	
	69	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	8	
	Total	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	8

Table1: Continued

Region	Province	Dialypetalous								Sympetalous							
		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		Families		Genera		Sections		Species	
		E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I
XII	70	0	1	0	2	0	4	6	13	0	1	0	2	1	11	8	36
	71	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	18
	72	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	11
	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	76	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3
	Total	9	0	1	0	2	0	4	6	13	0	1	0	2	1	11	8
XIII	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	8
	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	8
XIV	83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XV	84	0	2	0	2	0	3	3	7	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	18
	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
	89	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	6	0	2	0	2	0	3	4	8	0	1	0	2	0	7	0
XVI	90	0	2	0	2	0	4	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	14
	91	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	8	23
	92	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	17
	93	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	9
	94	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	9
	Total	5	0	2	0	3	0	6	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	7	12
XVII	95	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	11
	96	0	2	0	2	0	3	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	10
	97	0	2	0	2	0	5	0	6	0	1	0	1	1	6	1	9
	98	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	6	0	1	0	1	0	6	1	15
	99	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	8
	100	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	14
	101	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	7	2	19
	Total	7	0	2	0	2	0	5	2	11	0	1	0	1	1	8	7

Table 1: Continued

Region	Province	Dialypetalous								Sympetalous								
		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		
		E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	
XVIII	102	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	14	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	13	
	103	0	2	0	2	0	4	26	41	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	10	
	104	0	2	0	2	0	4	13	18	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	9	
	105	0	2	0	2	0	2	20	32	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	10	
	106	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	4	
	107	0	2	0	2	0	3	3	8	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	4	
	108	0	2	0	2	0	5	7	16	0	2	0	2	0	7	1	12	
	109	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	8	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	10	
	110	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Total	9	0	2	0	3	0	7	81	92	0	2	0	2	0	9	4	23
XIX	Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XX	Total	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
XXI	115	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
XXII	116	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	3	0
XXIII	117	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	3	0	19	6	35	
	118	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	1	13	7	26	
	119	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
	Total	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	3	1	20	13	45
XXIV	120	0	2	1	2	2	3	8	10	0	1	0	2	3	19	17	45	
XXV	121	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	10	0	1	0	2	0	15	5	41	
	122	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	8	
	Total	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	6	11	0	1	0	2	0	15	6	41
XXVI	123	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	6	0	6	
	124	0	1	0	1	0	2	4	6	0	1	0	2	0	14	11	46	
	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	7
	126	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	10	2	22	
	127	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	10	0	23	
	Total	5	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	10	0	1	0	2	1	17	17	51
XXVII	128	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	6	2	15	
	129	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	9	0	16
	Total	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	0	2	0	9	3	22
XXVIII	130	1	2	1	2	1	3	15	15	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	5	
XXIX	131	0	1	0	2	0	5	11	18	0	2	0	2	0	9	23	42	
	132	0	2	0	2	0	7	3	11	0	2	0	2	0	9	2	19	
	133	0	1	0	2	0	10	1	11	0	1	0	1	0	8	2	14	
	134	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	7	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	7	
	Total	4	0	2	0	2	0	10	18	30	0	2	0	2	1	11	33	52
XXX	135	1	2	1	2	4	10	63	69	0	2	0	2	1	5	11	14	
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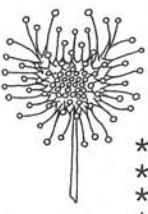
Table 1: Continued

Region	Province	Dialypetalous								Sympetalous							
		Families		Genera		Sections		Species		Families		Genera		Sections		Species	
		E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I	E	I
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	141	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
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	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total 8	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	4

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