

## ICPS ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB: CARNIVOROUS PLANT E-MAIL LISTSERV ARCHIVE

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The ICPS web site now has an archive for the carnivorous plant e-mail listserv, spanning the past seven years. The archive includes 30,000 e-mail messages related to carnivorous plants. You can browse the archive or search for postings on a particular topic.

Got a question about carnivorous plants? The answer could be in one of those messages. Chances are it is in ten messages! A common topic each summer is squirrels. There were 173 postings in a three-year period! There were five postings about *Nepenthes hamata*, twenty-five on *Drosera hamiltonii*, seven on carnivorous plants being found near volcanoes and asteroid impact zones, and 78 on fungus and fungicides. Are all those messages gems? Of course not. Be prepared to roll your eyes a lot. But the archive is a great place to research an issue and quite often the gem you need is there.

The carnivorous plant listserv started 30 November 1990 with a posting by Barry Rice that was forwarded by the e-mail server to three other members. Today there are about a dozen postings each day forwarded to over 1000 members. Rick Walker, past president of ICPS, is responsible for the listserv. Pete Thiel is responsible for the e-mail archive.

The ICPS web site is located at <http://www.carnivorousplants.org/>. Click on CP Listserv to get to the section on the archive. There are instructions on how to subscribe to the list and participate directly. By participating directly, you get your carnivorous plant fix daily or even hourly via e-mail.



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