

ATLAS OF BLADDERWORTS

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We would like to report on a new project currently in progress. Thanks to the international cooperation with many photographers, which resulted in the creation of a 2010 exhibition called “Carnivorous Plants and Their Biotopes,” we can now focus on processing the atlas of genus *Utricularia*. The 1989 monograph, “The genus *Utricularia*,” by Peter Taylor, is an extraordinary book, that deserves our continued attention. This extensive work contains 214 species, including 50 species that Taylor described himself. In the nearly quarter of a century since this work was released, many things have happened within the genus, for example there are now close to 30 newly described species.

Peter Taylor’s work is very inspiring for us. Working with many colleagues from around the world, we are preparing a new photographic atlas of bladderworts to complement Taylor’s work. It will contain all of the species listed in IPNI (International Plants Name Index). It will also include a summary of habitat information. We plan to release the atlas in three volumes. The first volume will come out this year (2012) and it will contain more than 300 color photographs from more than 70 authors from around the world (see Fig. 1). The text will be both English and Czech. The atlas is being prepared by Dr. Miloslav Studnička, Martin Spousta, and Jan Franta. Publisher of this **Atlas of bladderworts** will be Botanical Garden in Liberec in the Czech Republic (<http://www.botaniliberec.cz>).



Figure 1: Cover of Atlas of bladderworts and a page from the Atlas showing *Utricularia inaequalis* (top four photos are from culture at Liberec Botanical Garden by Miloslav Studnička and the bottom photo is from habitat by Arthur Yin).