NEW CULTIVARS

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Dionaea muscipula 'Red Pico-Teeth'

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Dionaea muscipula 'Red Pico-Teeth' was obtained as a seedling from Lucien Blacher in December 2013. The entire plant is dark red and the leaves are prostrate rather than erect (Fig. 1). The traps have extremely short, even non-existent teeth — as opposed to D. 'Red Micro-Teeth' and other cultivars that have larger teeth.

The name is derived from this cultivar being all red and pico (for picometer) refers to the traps having extremely short or non-existent teeth.

This plant should be reproduced only by vegetative means to ensure that its unique characteristics are maintained.



Figure 1: Dionaea muscipula 'Red Pico-Teeth' plant and trap.

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Heliamphora 'Patasola'

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Heliamphora 'Patasola' (Fig. 2 and Back Cover) is a hybrid H. parva × folliculata that I created several years ago. It is unique among its siblings based on its vigor, rapid growth rate, and unique physical characteristics. It grew from seed to flowering adult in under four years. Jennifer Lei cultivated this particular seedling to maturity.

Mature pitchers are 25-30 cm tall and 5-6 cm wide. Under intense lighting, the pitcher color will become vinaceous to violet to almost charcoal as the pitcher ages. Pitcher shape is infundibular in the lower part with a pronounced waist approximately half way up. The upper section is infundibular and slightly compressed in older pitchers from front to back. This compression gives the pitcher



Figure 2: Heliamphora 'Patasola'. Photo by Butch Tincher.

mouth a kidney or reniform shape when viewed from above. The interior and exterior surfaces of the pitcher are puberulent to pubescent.

The rim of the pitcher mouth may undulate under some conditions and become revolute as it approaches the base of the nectar spoon. The revolute rim ends at the nectar spoon with little to no further constriction. The nectar spoon is helmet shaped with the bottom edge diagonally tapering to a point at the apex. It is a copious producer of nectar with droplets sometimes observed on the nectar spoon and exterior pitcher surface.

The inflorescence is pubescent with typical *Heliamphora* flowers. Productive bracteole nectaries have been observed under favorable conditions

The Patasola or "one foot" is one of many myths in South American folklore about female monsters from the jungle, appearing to male hunters or loggers in the middle of the wilderness when they think about women.

Heliamphora 'Patasola' must be reproduced vegetatively by rhizome division or cuttings to preserve the characteristics of the cultivar.

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Nepenthes ampullaria 'Black Miracle' and Nepenthes ampullaria 'Black Pearl' Submitted: 7 October 2017

Nepenthes ampullaria is a widespread species of lowland Nepenthes that occurs in Peninsula Malaysia, Borneo, New Guinea, Singapore, Sumatra, Thailand, and the Maluku Islands. Over the entirety of its range, Nepenthes ampullaria shows spectacular diversity in pitcher coloration, even though morphologically there is very little variation. These color varieties are stable in both the field and cultivation. Jacky Chiêm of Chiem Exotics, a retail Carnivorous Plant Nursery in Vietnam, has amassed a collection of over 70 different clones. These are two of the most brilliant and are described as cultivars.

Nepenthes ampullaria 'Black Miracle' has been in cultivation, in Asia in particular, for the past 5 years at least and in the author's opinion is worthy of cultivar status. This striking clone was believed to have been collected in Indonesia and cuttings were provided to a number of nurseries in Thailand who have propagated and distributed this plant under the name "Black Miracle". The pitchers attain a solid dark brown, almost black, coloration with a peristome that has varying amounts of green and black striping (Fig. 3 right). The true 'Black Miracle' has black markings on the leaves as well (Fig. 4 bottom), making it a truly unique clone of Nepenthes ampullaria.

Nepenthes ampullaria 'Black Pearl' is another of the select clones from Chiem Exotics. This clone was selected for cultivar status because of the striking pure dark brown to black coloration of the pitchers and peristome (Fig. 3 left), giving it the luster of a black pearl. Unlike *N. ampullaria* 'Black Miracle', this cultivar does not have black markings on its leaves (Fig. 4 top).

Both of these cultivars can only be propagated by cuttings from the original clones.

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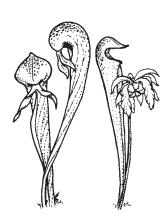


Figure 3: Left, the almost pure brown/black pitcher of *N. ampullaria* 'Black Pearl'. Right, the striking green and black striped peristome of *N. ampullaria* 'Black Miracle'.



Figure 4: Top, *N. ampullaria* 'Black Pearl' produces typical green leaves. Bottom, the leaves of *N. ampullaria* 'Black Miracle' have characteristic black markings.





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