

### GROWING PYGMY DROSERAS FROM GEMMAE

Take a plastic pot containing a 1:1 mixture of moistened peat moss and perlite or a 1:1 mixture of moistened peat moss and silica sand and place the pot into a bowl or container. Sprinkle the gemmae directly onto the **SURFACE** of the media. **Do NOT press the gemmae down into the soil.** Add water (distilled, reverse osmosis or rainwater) to the container until the water is ~¼ of the way up the side of the pot. Place the pot and its bowl in an indoor area of bright sunlight, or preferably under fluorescent lights, such as a fluorescent ballast or a CFT fluorescent bulb in a desk lamp. After the water has evaporated, add water again to the same level and proceed. **Do NOT place in areas of stagnant air flow** as a lack of air flow may encourage fungal growth on the surface of the media. **Do NOT allow the media to dry out completely.** (You may also choose to place the pot in a sealed, transparent plastic Ziploc bag to increase humidity for faster development, but I caution that this can also lead to a rich environment for fungus growth, and any young pygmies will need to be slowly and gradually acclimated to normal humidity conditions.) Expect gemmae to develop after 2-6 weeks, depending on the temperature and the strength of the light and general growing conditions. Pygmy sundews are diminutive by nature, but will grow larger with subsequent years for 3-5 years. For more information, see our Plant Care sheet at <http://www.midtowncarnivores.com/caresheets/>