

PLEASE USE EXTREME CARE WHEN UNFOLDING YOUR SEED PACKET.

CARNIVOROUS PLANT SEEDS ARE SMALL AND CAN EASILY BE BLOWN AWAY
(ESPECIALLY *Drosera capensis*)

Take a plastic pot containing a 1:1 mixture of moistened peat moss and perlite (or other carnivorous plant growing media such as long-fiber sphagnum moss) and place the pot into a bowl or container. Sprinkle the seeds directly onto the **SURFACE** of the media. **Do NOT press the seeds down into the soil.** Add water (distilled, reverse osmosis or rainwater) to the container until the water is $\sim\frac{1}{4}$ 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 high air flow** or outdoors, as strong air currents (such as wind) may blow the dust-like seeds right off of 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 germination, but I caution that this can also lead to a rich environment for fungus growth, and any seedlings will need to be slowly and gradually acclimated to normal humidity conditions.) Expect seedlings to germinate after 2-6 weeks, depending on the temperature and the strength of the light. The plants will be diminutive (~ 1 inch in diameter) by the end of the first year, but will grow larger with subsequent years. For more information, see our Plant Care sheet at <http://www.midtowncarnivores.com/caresheets/>