## The Venus Flytrap

# all you need to know about the plant that kills

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### About

The Venus flytrap is home to the Eastern United States, particularly in North and South Carolina.

It is well-known for its carnivorous appetite, as the plant eats bugs and other insects in order to survive. Though the plant may look like it has teeth, this is not the case. The "mouth" of the plant is triggered shut when the tiny hairs that line in are triggered. Once the plant has inescapable prey, the trap will be sealed and enzymes will be released in order to create a kind of stomach that can break down the prey.



The carnivorous mechanism of the plant was most likely developed, like others of similar diet, by growing in poor soil conditions. The plant continues to grow in similarly low-nutrient soils today, and get much of its nitrogen from the insects that it devours.

The plants can survive through mild winders, which actually helps their survival, as if they do not go through a period of dormancy they will weaken and eventually die.

For more information and a more in-depth look at the information above, check out:

#### Wikipedia: Venus flytrap





Above images: Venus flytrap eats a mealworm

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