

Plant of the Month — June 2015

Drosera finlaysoniana Arn.



Drosera finlaysoniana is an annual herb with white, pink or mauve petals. It has 5 white stamens with yellow anthers and pollen, and a green ovary with 3 white styles that are forked near the base. Its long, narrow lamina (leaves) are rolled up like a snail in the early stages of growth, unfurling to capture prey by means of long retentive and digestion glands.

Drosera finlaysoniana is widespread in Australia and south-east Asia. In Western Australia it extends from the Yalgoo region to Kununurra, usually growing in wet depressions or near billabongs and creeklines, and can be seen flowering from May to August. It is named after Mr George Finlayson (1790–1823), a Scottish surgeon and naturalist noted for his pioneering studies of the plants and animals of southern Thailand and the Malay Peninsula. The songbird *Pycnonotus finlaysoni* (the Stripe-throated Bulbul) is also named in his honor.

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