

## PINGUICULA PRIMULIFLORA ‘ROSE’

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*Pinguicula primuliflora* (Wood & Godfr.) is native to the Gulf Coastal Plain of southeastern United States. The pale purple flowers are solitary, spurred, 2-lobed, and trumpet-shaped (Fig 1a). This warm-temperate perennial butterwort is one of the carnivorous plants that is propagated for mass markets and can be found in most garden centers. It is easily grown by beginners and readily propagates by plantlets that form on the leaf margins.

*Pinguicula primuliflora* ‘Rose’ (Ban) is a variant or possibly hybrid that produces a beautiful double flower (Fig. 1 and Back Cover). Other than the unique flower, the plant looks identical to the typical *P. primuliflora*.

As described in the accompanying translation by Koji Kondo of an article that appeared in the October 2000 issue of The Journal of Insectivorous Plant Society, *P. primuliflora* ‘Rose’ was discovered in May 1995 by Mitsuaki Ban growing among his *P. primuliflora* plants.

The name ‘Rose’ suggests that the flower resembles that of a rose (*Rosa* spp.). The name was coined by Mr. Ban and has been in common use for many years. This magnificent cultivar has become widely distributed and is now grown throughout the world.

The double flower is infertile. Propagation must be by vegetative methods. Plantlets are easily and naturally produced by budding at the leaf margins.

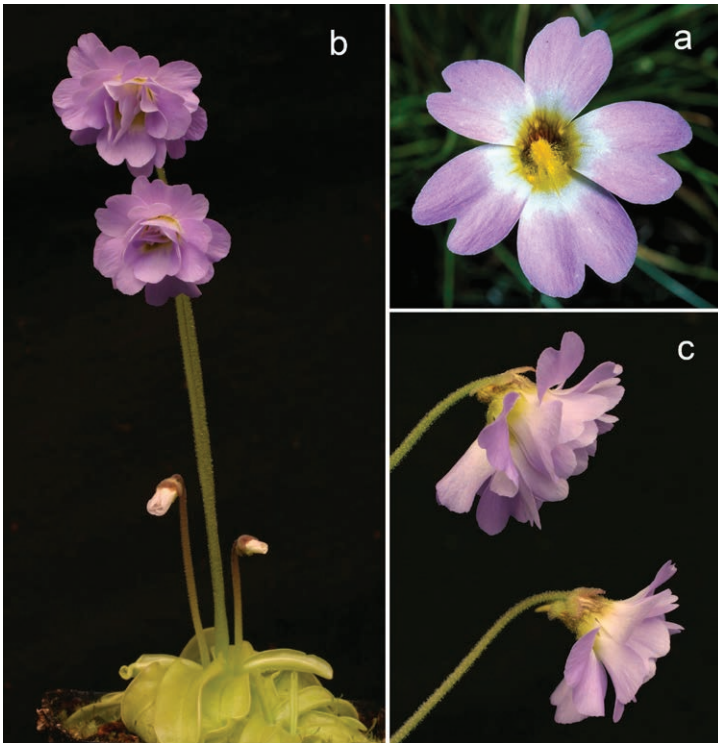
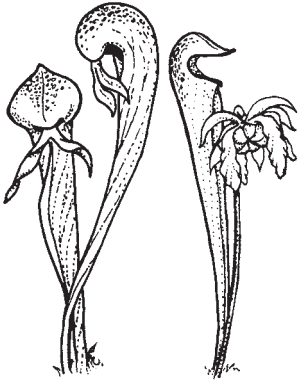


Figure 1: Comparison of (a) *Pinguicula primuliflora* flower with (b, c) *Pinguicula primuliflora* ‘Rose’. Photo (a) by Barry Rice; (b and c) by Bob Ziemer.





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