

SPECTACULAR PLANTS

AROUND THE WORLD



Canada - Pitcher plant
(*Sarracenia purpurea*)

- **Spectacular fact:** This killer plant has long tubes that are super slippery and filled with a mix of rainwater and digestive enzymes at the base.
- **Fun fact:** It cleverly uses its colourful hoods to attract prey who land on the lip of the tube and fall in. The liquids at the bottom of the tubes slowly digest the insect alive!



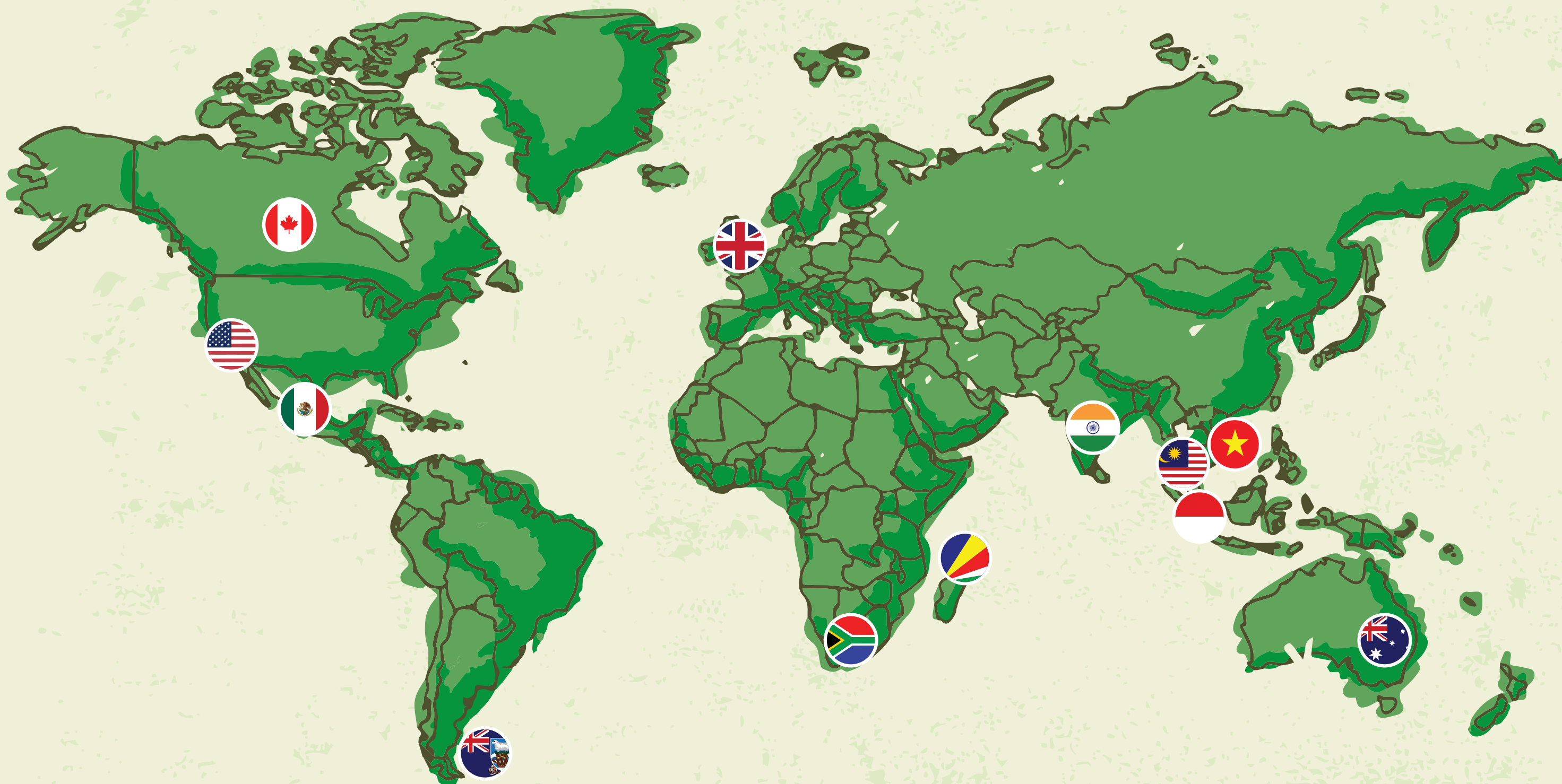
North California - Coast redwoods
(*Sequoia sempervirens*)

- **Spectacular fact:** The tallest living trees in the world! With dizzying heights of 30-110m, these giants can live for 1,000 to 2,000 years and take 400-500 years to reach maturity.
- **Fun fact:** This giant has soft squiggly bark that is fire resistant and can be almost 30cm thick on mature trees.



Mexico - Sweet feet plant
(*Dehnerainia smaragdina*)

- **Spectacular fact:** Emerald green flowers that stink of smelly feet or sometimes dog poo. Yuck!
- **Fun fact:** A pretty flower regardless of its unpleasant smell, which it uses to attract flies to pollinate it.



Falkland Islands - Lady's slipper
(*Calceolaria fothergillii*)

- **Spectacular fact:** This red and yellow flowering plant is endemic to the Falkland Islands. Being endemic means it only grows in one country or area of the world.
- **Fun fact:** The reason they are called Lady's slipper is because the flower is the shape of a slipper. You could imagine a tiny person wearing them as comfy shoes!



South & Central Africa - Baobab
(*Adansonia digitata*)

- **Spectacular fact:** These tremendous trees are known for their huge, swollen trunks. They can grow to 25m in height with a girth to 28m and can live for up to 3,000 years. Known as upside down trees!
- **Fun fact:** These trees have white flowers that bloom at night and are pollinated by bats and moths. In the East of Africa, bush babies feed on the nectar in the flower helping with pollination.



Seychelles - Coco de mer palm
(*Lodoicea maldivica*)

- **Spectacular fact:** Coco de mer or the double coconut palm produces the world's largest and heaviest seeds. The seeds can weigh between 20-30kg!
- **Fun fact:** This palm is the main tree species on the islands and over time they have adapted to produce giant seeds, which look like a bottom!



India and Sri Lanka - Talipot palm
(*Corypha umbraculifera*)

- **Spectacular fact:** One of the largest palm trees in the world! Its leaves alone are 5m wide and make amazing umbrellas or roofs for houses where they grow. The leaves are so impressively massive they can shelter 10 adults under one leaf.
- **Fun fact:** Its small yellow, flowers are part of the biggest flower inflorescence (cluster of flowers) in the world at 6m tall. These grow up and out from the top of the tree.



Sumatra, Indonesia - Titan arum lily
(*Amorphophallus titanum*)

- **Spectacular fact:** What a smell! Rotting flesh is the scent of this flower, one of the most disgusting in the plant world. Local people call it 'the corpse flower'.
- **Fun fact:** This plant's massive flower grows from a tuber and reaches 3m in height. Once it has flowered a single leaf will emerge that will reach the size of a small tree at 7m high by 7m wide. It can grow up to 10cm a day.



UK - English sundew
(*Drosera anglica*)

- **Spectacular fact:** This plant rolls captured insects into its leaves and digests them slowly over time. Once digested the leaf unfurls ready to trap a new insect victim.
- **Fun fact:** The sundew is covered in fine hairs that produce sticky droplets that attract and capture insects.



Vietnam and Malaysia - Peacock fern
(*Selaginella willdenowii*)

- **Spectacular fact:** Its magnificent iridescent leaves are a blue-green colour and when viewed from different angles can sometimes even appear pink or purple.
- **Fun fact:** They grow in deep, shady areas of the forest and use their iridescent leaves to help them photosynthesise.



Australia - Stinging tree
(*Dendrocnide moroides*)

- **Spectacular fact:** This plant inflicts long lasting pain through tiny hairs on its branches, both sides of the leaves and even on its flowers. Ouch!
- **Fun fact:** These shrubs grow to 4-5m but can happily grow as small bushy plants that are known locally as 'ankle biters'.