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Drosera anglica

[Synonyms : *Drosera longifolia*, *Drosera macedonica*]

GREAT SUNDEW is an insectivorous perennial. Native to northern Asia, northern North America and northern Europe, it has white or pinkish flowers.

It is also known as English sundew, *Gwlithlys Mawr* (Welsh), *Langbladet Soldug* (Danish), Long-leaved sundew, *Rosička anglická* (Slovak), *Rosnatka anglická* (Czech), *Stordaggört* (Swedish), and *Storsileshår* (Swedish).

Anglica means 'of or from England'.

The quantity of dewdrop-like sweetish fluid on the leaves, that attracts and ensnares insects, is greatest at the sun's height. This fluid excreted by the leaf glands is digestive and dissolves all of the insect that can be absorbed by the plant – the rest dries and blows away. (The glandular excretion does not occur if inorganic matter is 'trapped'.) The flowers open in sunshine.