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Drosera intermedia

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

OBLONG-LEAVED SUNDEW is a carnivorous perennial. Native to eastern North America and northern Europe it has white or pinkish flowers.

It is also known as Dew plant, *Gwlithlys Hirddail* (Welsh), *Kihokki* (Finnish), *Liden soldug* (Danish), *Liten daggört* (Swedish), Long-leaved sundew, Love-nest sundew, *Mittlerer Sonnentau* (German), *Rosnatka prostřední* (Czech), *Småsileshår* (Swedish), Spatula leaf sundew, Spatulate-leaved sundew, Spoon-leaf sundew, Spoon-leaved sundew, and Sundew.

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'.)

Intermedia is derived from Latin *medius* (middle) meaning 'intermediate'.

In Italy the plant has been used to make an alcoholic drink.

Medicinally, herbalists have used the plant as an ingredient in poultices applied to bunions, warts and corns.