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Pinguicula grandiflora

[Synonyms : *Pinguicula reuteri*]

LARGE-FLOWERED BUTTERWORT is a carnivorous perennial. Native to western Europe (including Ireland but excluding Britain) it has small, occasionally white-throated, bluish-purple to pink or white flowers with small stoutish spur.

It is also known as Greater butterwort, Irish butterwort, and Killarney violet.

The flowers are pollinated by bees and butterflies.

Grandiflora is made up of Latin *grandis* (large) and *-flora* (flowered) components.

Insects, such as tiny flies, winged aphids or mosquitoes, caught in the hairs on the leaves are inexorably rolled up and partially enveloped. Ultimately the trapped insect dies and the butterwort starts to dissolve the body with digestive enzymes secreted by the leaf.

Large-flowered butterwort featured as part of a series of Irish stamps in 1978 that depicted native wild flowers.