Cephalotus follicularis "Tom Thumb"

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Description

This document presents and describes a *Cephalotus follicularis* clone which has been given the name of *Cephalotus follicularis* "Tom Thumb", due to its diminutive sized pitchers.



Figure 1

The then unnamed clone was received in Europe, in 2014, by Dimitar Daskalov, an avid Bulgarian *Cephalotus* grower, from a US grower who in turn acquired it from a fellow US grower. It is believed that the former US grower no longer has it in cultivation. The original source is not known, nor is it known if it was more widely distributed in the USA. Dimitar passed a division onto the author in 2015 and, at the time of writing, there were only two of these clones known to be in Europe, one being in Bulgaria and the other in Scotland.

The clone has an easily distinguishable characteristic in that the pitchers are miniature, typically measuring no greater than 1.5 cm from the base to the top of the peristome [1]. As typical of *Cephalotus*, pitcher size for a particular clone is a function of environmental conditions, but given like for like conditions, thus far this clone has shown to create smaller pitchers than typical. The shape of the base of the pitcher is hooked and acutely tapered.

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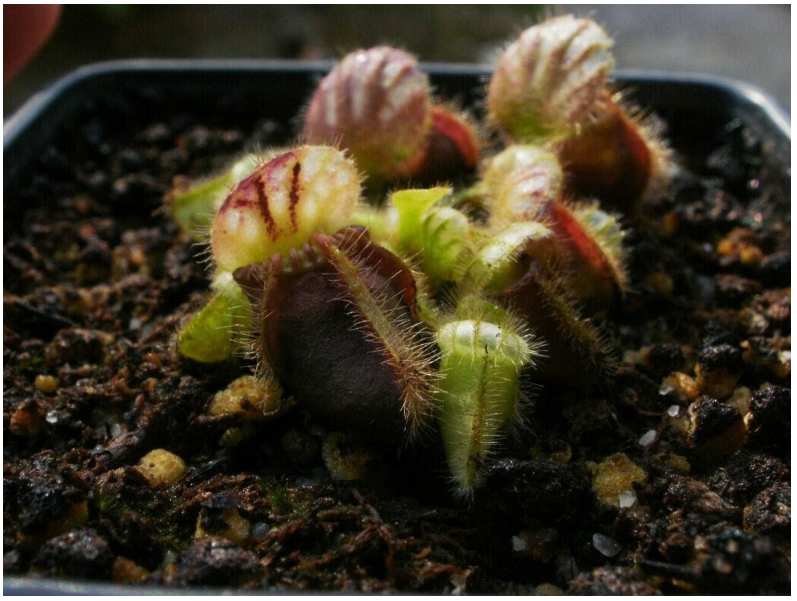


Under certain conditions, the pitcher colour is very dark maroon, with the base of the pitcher taking on the deepest colouration, graduating up the pitcher. However, colouration does not form part of this clones distinctive characteristics, as typical of *Cephalotus* this can vary greatly under different growing conditions, rather it is the pitcher size that makes this clone distinctive and worthy of recognition.

Propagation

Asexually propagation (vegetative) is required in order to preserve the clones' characteristics.

Sexual propagation may exhibit somewhat different characteristics to the parent and should not be labelled with the parent clone name.



Etymology

Tom Thumb is an English folklore character of diminutive stature.

Notes



1. There is no universally recognised method of measuring Cephalotus pitcher size but the author feels that base to top of peristome, parallel to the frontal ridge, is a more reliable measurement than base to top of lid, as the degree of opening of Cephalotus lids can vary greatly.

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