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### **New species of rat-eating plant named for famous naturalist**

Filmmaker Sir David Attenborough has won awards and acclaim for his work bringing natural history to life on the screen, and now he's received a most unusual form of recognition: Botanists have named a carnivorous plant after him. *Nepenthes attenboroughii*, a rare plant found on a remote Philippine mountain, is a newly discovered variety of pitcher plant that's large enough to catch small rodents and "eat" them by dissolving their furry little bodies with flesh-eating enzymes. The scientific team named it after Sir David as an "expression of gratitude" for his efforts to celebrate and share the wonders of nature with the world.

But it's only the latest specimen named for Attenborough: His other namesakes include a New Guinea anteater, an Ecuadorean tree, and a marine dinosaur from the Jurassic period called the *Attenborosaurus*. (His brother Richard starred in the film *Jurassic Park*.)