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sun·dew  (sŭn d ' , -dy ')

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n.

Any of various insectivorous plants of the genus *Drosera*, growing in wet areas and having leaves covered with sticky hairs that trap insects. Also called *drosera*.

[Obsolete Dutch *sondauw* (translation of Latin *rōs sōlis*, dew of the sun) : *son*, sun (from Middle Dutch *sonne*; see **sāwel-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)) + *dauw*, dew (from Middle Dutch *dau*; see **dheu-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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