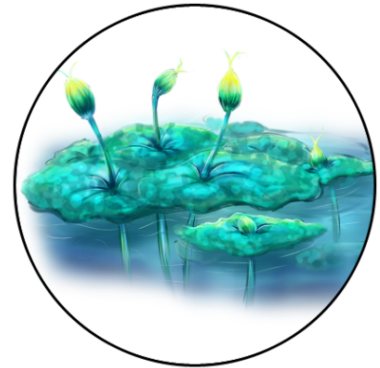


TANRA REED

🌴 **Height:** Variable, but averages at 4ft. Plant aims for around 8in above the water's surface

🌴 **Classification:** Bonded

🌴 **Life expectancy:** 1-3 years



This plant is an aquatic plant that creates a habitat for invertebrates and small vertebrates to live under. This makes it interesting for sapient, usually youngsters, who dive under its leaves for a morsel of food. It takes its name from the Arabic word for 'skirt' - tanwra. It refers to the fine leaves which form a skirt around the plant.



Physiology



The tanra reed is a deep-water freshwater plant that grows large, heavy sporophytes and has very light, thin leaves that grow from a single node on the plant's stem. The plant grows to the exact height necessary to have the leaves grow horizontally across the water and be supported by its surface tension. This creates a delicate, floating carpet that aquatic fauna use as shelter.

Reproduction

This plant relies on the wind to disperse its spores. As the wind blows across the surface of the sporophyte, it picks up spores.

Medical Conditions

There are no known pathogens that affect this plant.



Geographical Distribution



This is strictly a freshwater pond and lake plant. They require a water level that remains at a fixed level, otherwise their leaves collapse.

Position in Ecosystem

Much like the piassijada beds, tanra reed beds provide rich habitat and feeding opportunities for smaller animals.

Spore Dispersers

The tanra reed dispenses its spores on the wind.

Grazers

Most of this reed's grazers are insects. Lakes and ponds tend to have better feeding options for grazers, so the tanra reed is usually left alone. Most have at least a few small, circular 'chew holes' in their leaves.

Other Users

Most of the species that live on or around tanra reeds use it for shelter or as a nursery and/or eat other species that use it for shelter.

Anchoristral

These creatures often visit tanra reeds to mate and lay their eggs. The young live under the leaves as a nursery, and as they mature they begin to bite or tear through the leaf in order to climb the reed's stem. When old enough, they fly away and begin their adult life.

Iskoss

Smaller species of iskoss, or baby iskoss, may live under the leaves where they can go unseen by most predators and feed on the other creatures that also shelter there.

Maggorus

These creatures produce a large number of offspring that live and feed in the shade of the tanra reed. Many are picked off by other animals but enough survive to make it through to adulthood.

Many-Many

These creatures use the shelter of the tanra reed as a hub and nursery.

Sagragonno

Sagra of all ages live under tanra reeds, and it can be a surprisingly safe nursery for their eggs and young.

Sammamimoss

Aquatic hunters that swim beneath the tanra reed's leaves in search of prey.

Technology

This reed contributes little to Kaleida's technology.

Agriculture

Tanra reeds do not offer much as a crop and isn't deliberately grown, but some sapients will dive under naturally occurring beds of this plant to search for morsels to eat. They have to be mindful not to break the reeds' skirts, as this is the reason most of the edible species visit the reeds in the first place.

History

The tanra reed has contributed nothing substantial to Kaleida's history.

Changes in Standards of Living

Territories with good tanra reed beds offer good hunting opportunities, especially for young kasulam.



Beds of tanra reed are generally more aesthetically pleasing than piassijada beds and perform a similar function by acting as a draw for edible invertebrates, but they are less effective at doing so. For this reason, tanra beds play a limited role in Kaleidan culture.

Food

Tanra reeds themselves do not contribute to Kaleidan cuisine, and strictly speaking, neither do the animals that live under them. The animals that can be found under tanras are quite often eaten on location, not taken away for preparation elsewhere.

Art

These plants may occasionally show up in art in much the same way as piassijada beds, though their yield tends to be smaller so they don't tend to be depicted for being such a source of bounty.

Social Dynamics

Parents or other caregivers will often take their offspring to tanra reed beds so that the youngsters can hunt in a safe and easy environment, often while the caregiver relaxes on the bank.

Politics

Tanra reeds have not notably impacted on the politics of Kaleida.

Nations Founded

It's quite possible that some tribes were founded, particularly by matriarchal sapients, because of a good local population of tanra beds. Travelling mothers looking for somewhere to establish a colony would have found the beds provided a welcome relief from the pressure to hunt for their offspring and to watch them particularly closely, and this may have prompted some mothers to put down roots nearby.

Economy

The omnivorous sapients of Kaleida will show their offspring how to find food underneath tanra reeds. Youngsters will often seek out tanra reed beds for a source of food, but this support of youngsters is the only contribution this plant makes to supporting Kaleida's economy.

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