

Seychelles Special Plants

There are about 850 species of flowering plants in Seychelles, of which, 250 species are indigenous including 75 endemic species (meaning they are found only in Seychelles, nowhere else). The rest are introduced species. Many introduced species have become invasive and put many endemic species in danger. Conservation action is needed to save these special endemic plants. This poster presents some endemic species that are only found in Seychelles.



Male Female

Coco de Mer *Lodoicea maldivica* is the most famous plant of Seychelles, which has the biggest nuts in the plant kingdom. The biggest nut can weigh up to 20 kg. Male and female flowers grow on separate trees. It has huge, fan-like, rigid leaves.



Latannien Oban *Roscheria melanochaetes* has a narrow trunk and very large leaves, divided irregularly into leaflets. The flowers are very tiny with yellow colour.



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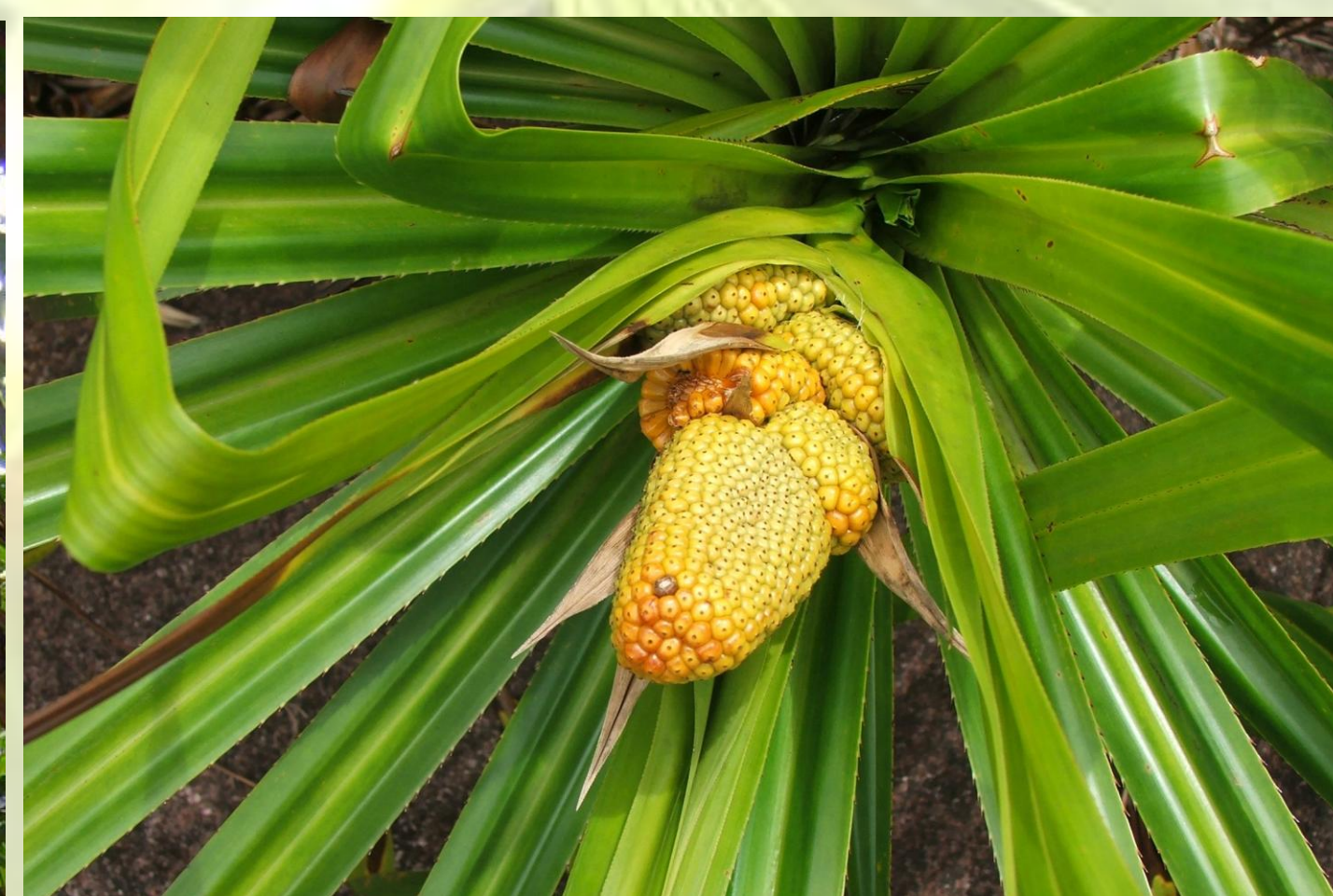
Latannien Fey *Phoenicophorium borsigianum* has very large leaves with open tips. It has branched inflorescence with many tiny yellow flowers. It has no roots at the base of the trunk.



Latannien Lat *Verschaffeltia splendida* has a cone of stilt roots at the base of the trunk. Its leaves are very large with an open at the tips.



Vakwa maron *Pandanus sechellarum* is fairly common and can be found in moist forest. Tree has many long roots growing from the main stem.



Vakwa-d-montany *Pandanus multispicatus* is commonly found growing on high mountains.



Vakwa Parasol *Pandanus bornei* is not so common. They can be found in wet upland areas and river ravines.



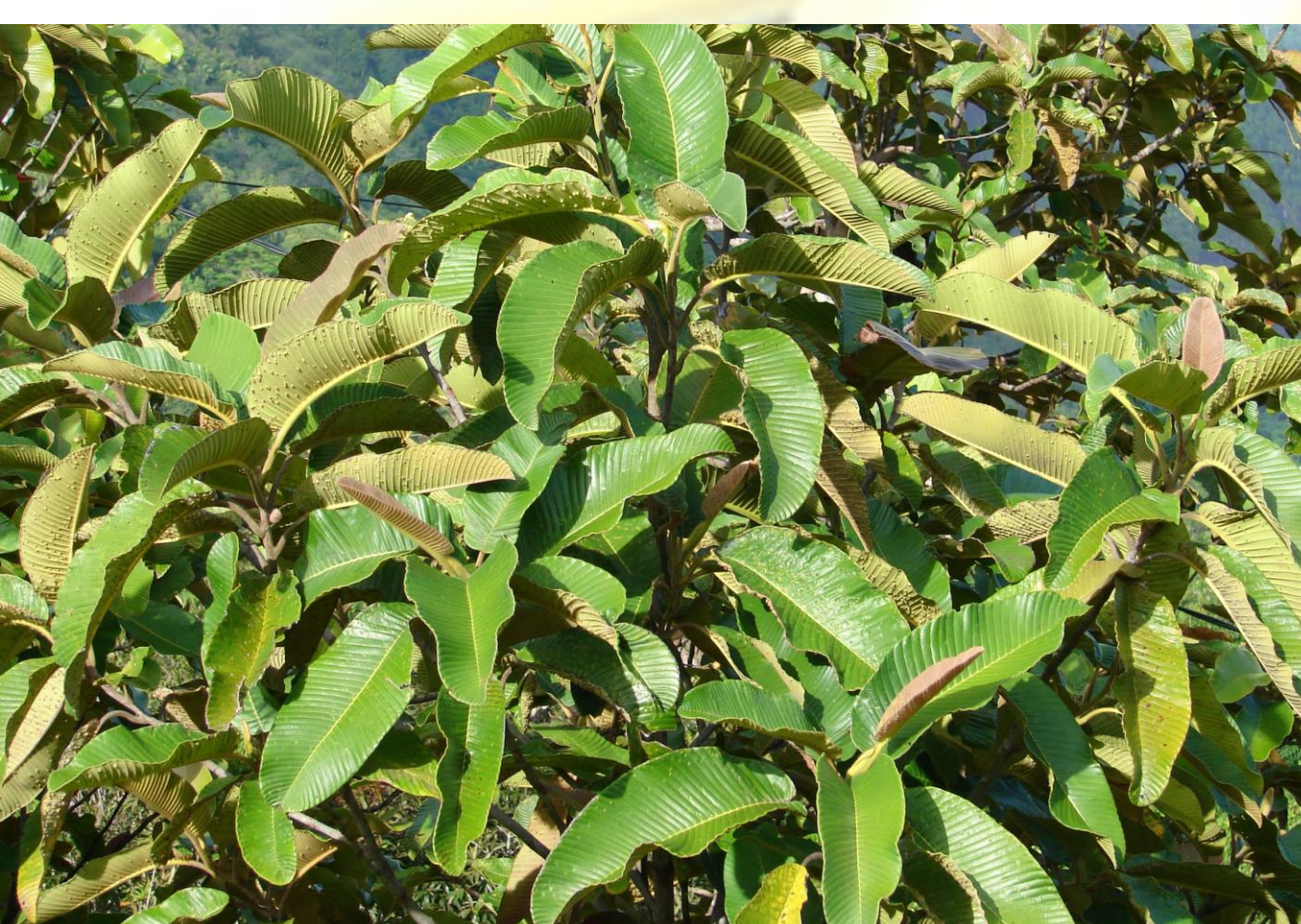
Koko Maron *Curculigo sechellensis* is a woody herb, looks like a young coconut. They grow on the forest floor. Seychellois people often use this plant to make ropes and brooms.



Wright's Gardenia *Rothmannia annae* is very rare. It is only naturally found on Aride Island. This plant's flowers are beautiful with a wonderful scent.



Seychelles Pitcher Plant *Nepenthes pervillei* is an interesting plant that uses its fluid containing in the pitchers to trap insects for food. The lid of the pitcher is open when the pitcher is full with fluid, and keeps the rain water from getting in.



Bwa Rouz *Dillenia ferruginea* is common and can be found from middle to high altitude forest. The tree can grow up to 20 m.



Bilenbi Maron *Colea sechellarum* is a small tree of about 8-10m high, inflorescence arises directly from the tree trunk. Fruits are juicy look like sausage.



Bwa Zoliker *Pittosporum senacia wrightii* is a medicinal plant, growing in open woodland rocky areas from 200-500m. Local people use the leaves to treat stomach problems.



Kapisen *Nortbea bornei* is fairly common, can be found at mountain tops. The tree can grow up to 20m.



Lozey maron *Begonia sechellensis* is a herb, not very common, and can be found moist forests above 500m.



Belzamin Sovaz *Impatiens gordonii* is a very rare herb. They can be found growing in moist forest on the forest floor.



Zakobe *Gynura sechellensis* is a medicinal herb, used to treat cold and cough by local people by boiling the old leaves and drink the infused juice.



Bwa mediz/ Jellyfish Tree *Medusagyne oppositifolia* is one of the rarest trees in the world. It is very special to the plant world that it has a family of its own, meaning they don't have any relatives on this Earth!