

Bachelor's Mantle

Yet another possibly non-canon post.

A Bachelor's Mantle is an anatomical display structure present in male tree-dwellers who have reached adulthood but have yet to lay an egg. It's a mane of long, flowing hair that starts on the top of the head just ahead of the ears and continues down to the middle of the back, also draping over the shoulders and ending at the chest, giving the appearance of a cape or mantle.

Like display structures on Earth animals, it's used to communicate fitness to potential fellow sires and dams.

While very rare, a male yinrih can develop a bachelor's mantle. It's most commonly seen in monks who have forgone entering into a childermoot due to religious vows. Lodestar may or may not have one. It may be a sought-after trait among the Atavists. If the male ends up hatching pups, he sheds the mantle over time and it does not return.

If I end up making this canon, this means that spiky anime hair is indeed possible for at least some yinrih.

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