



Titan Arum Flower

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Recently, the **Titan Arum flower**, one of the world's largest flowers, bloomed in **Australia**. It grows over **10 feet tall** and blooms once a decade.

- **Structure:** It has a **tall, pale yellowish phallic structure** rising from the **centre**.
 - The base of the flower has a '**corm**' which is an **underground energy-storing structure** that supports its **10 year bloom cycle** and **6-month fruiting period**.
- **Uniqueness:** It mimics the **stench of rotting flesh** to attract its **pollinators** — **carnivorous bees and flies** that feed on corpses.
 - **Pollination** by flies on **rotten meat-smelling plants** is called **Sapromyophily**.
- **Habitat:** It blossoms on **limestone hills** in the [rainforests](#) of western Sumatra, **Indonesia**. It **doesn't** bloom in the **wild in Australia**.
- **IUCN Status:** The species has fewer than **1,000 individuals** left in the wild, and is listed as '[endangered](#)'.
- **Other Similar Flowers:** **Rafflesia arnoldi** (largest individual flower in the world), *Dracunculus vulgaris*, *Stapelia gigantea*, *Hydnora africana* and *Helicodicerus muscivorus*.

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