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Photo from Edmonson Cinotto greenhouse



AUGUST FIREY PLANT

Cryptanthus 'Ruby Slippers'

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REMINDERS

REGULAR MEETING

August 20 at 6:30 PM

**A to Z refreshment hosts
Will be a raffle**

**Please bring plants for
SHOW AND TELL**

**Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray
Houston 77019**

[Or By Zoom](#)

SEPTEMBER MEETING

**There will be a member
plant sale and no raffle
Speaker: Scott Sandel**

OCTOBER MEETING

**Speaker: Dennis Cathcart
Dennis selling plants**

NOVEMBER MEETING

Seedling

FROM THE PREZ



NOTE TO MEMBERS:

Scherie's property was badly damaged by hurricane Beryl. To that end, we won't have a president's message

TOOLS AND/OR TECHNIQUES Japanese Hori Hori Knife



One of my favorite tools. Learned about this cool knife on Paul James' Gardening by the Yard.

It is sturdy, digs in well, can make holes by pulling the knife toward. Has a measurement guide on the side and a serrated edge. Can use for the bromeliads or any other type of planting. Easy to clean and some offer the pouch that fits on a belt. Have had mine for over 10 years and it looks like new.

MONTHLY PROGRAM DETAILS

AUGUST

**Title: A look into the 2024 World Bromeliad Conference
Presented by Michael O'Neal**

Description: Mike O'Neal attended the 2024 WBC along with several other members of the Houston Society and will take a journey through the many great activities and presentations that we were treated to.

There will be a raffle at the August meeting.

Mike O'Neal

Mike O'Neal has been growing bromeliads for 40 years and is still learning new things about them all the time. As a fairly recent member of the Bromeliad Society Houston, he continuously wonders why he waited so long to take advantage of the knowledge, experience and resources of such a wonderful group of bromeliad growers.

He has been an officer of the society for the last 3 years with the hope and intent of paying their generosity forward.

SEPTEMBER

Scott Sandel will be joining us via zoom to present a program about his trip to Ecuador earlier this year.

There will be a member sale and no raffle at the September meeting.

OCTOBER

Dennis Cathcart will be presenting on more of his bromeliad finding travels.

There will be a vendor sale and no raffle at the October meeting.

ZOOM INFORMATION FOR REGULAR MEETING

Bromeliad Society Houston is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bromeliad Society Houston August Monthly Meeting

Time: Aug 20, 2024 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84777059913?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84777059913?pwd=Txj6rimwp14GHXpDi3w1UhsNdxtuE5.1)

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- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)
- +1 305 224 1968 US
- +1 309 205 3325 US
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 847 7705 9913

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcOzqgvmtR>

CULTURAL TIPS AUGUST 2024

WATERING



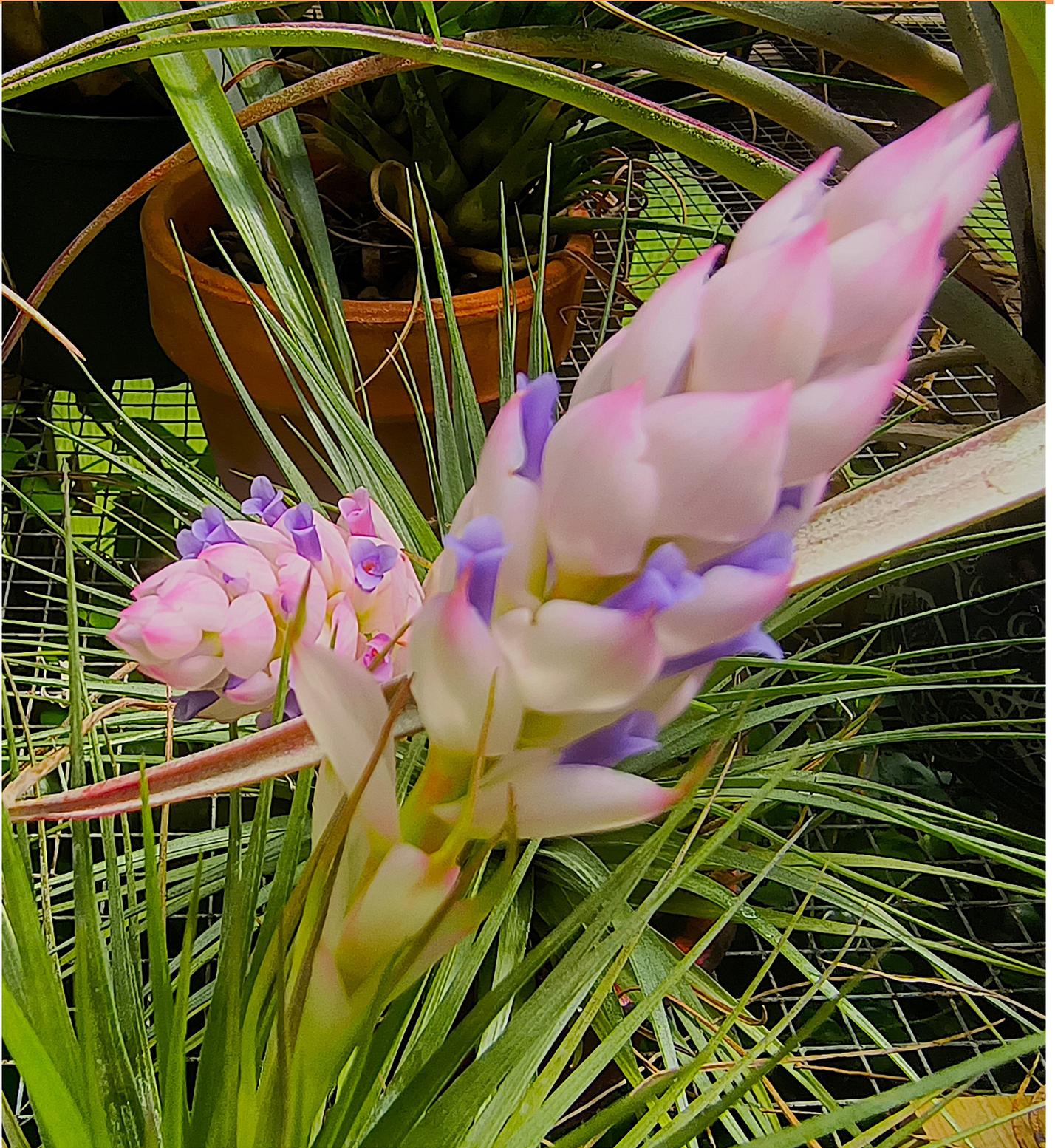
Watering constantly is crucial in Houston this time of year. With the forecast running into triple digits, you will want to monitor and quite possible water your plants daily. Be sure not to drown them as many plants will rot. Some *Hohenbergias* and *Vresias* DO not want a lot of water so a nice misting will make them happy.

In fact, misting the plants daily is a good idea as it keeps them cool and this is for all bromeliads. Others not only want a misting, but also a good soaking. Many *Cryptanthus* dry out quickly. Rule of thumb, check the soil if you're not sure. Misting the *Tillandsias* is helpful as well.

Check to see where your plant originates. Is it epiphytic. Does it originate in the mountains or close to the ocean. Is the climate dry or wet? You have to baby them this time of the year. They'll do well if you give them special attention.

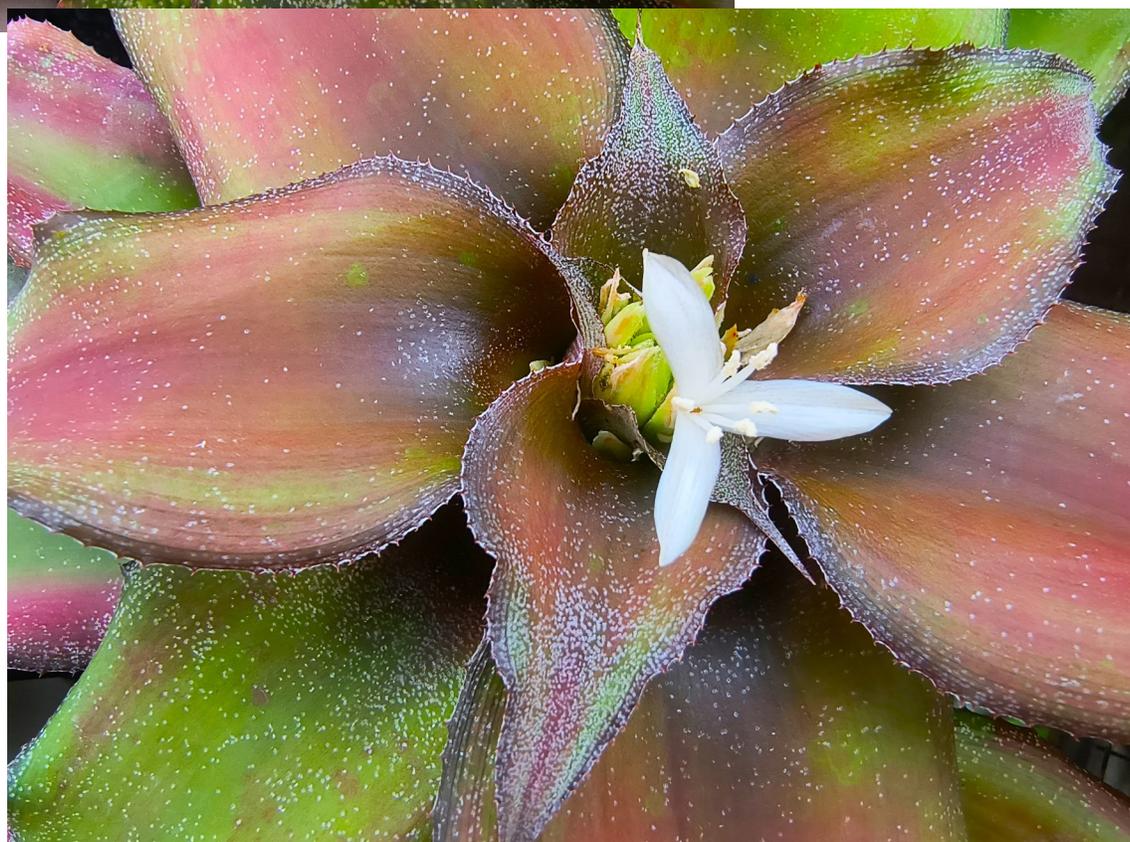
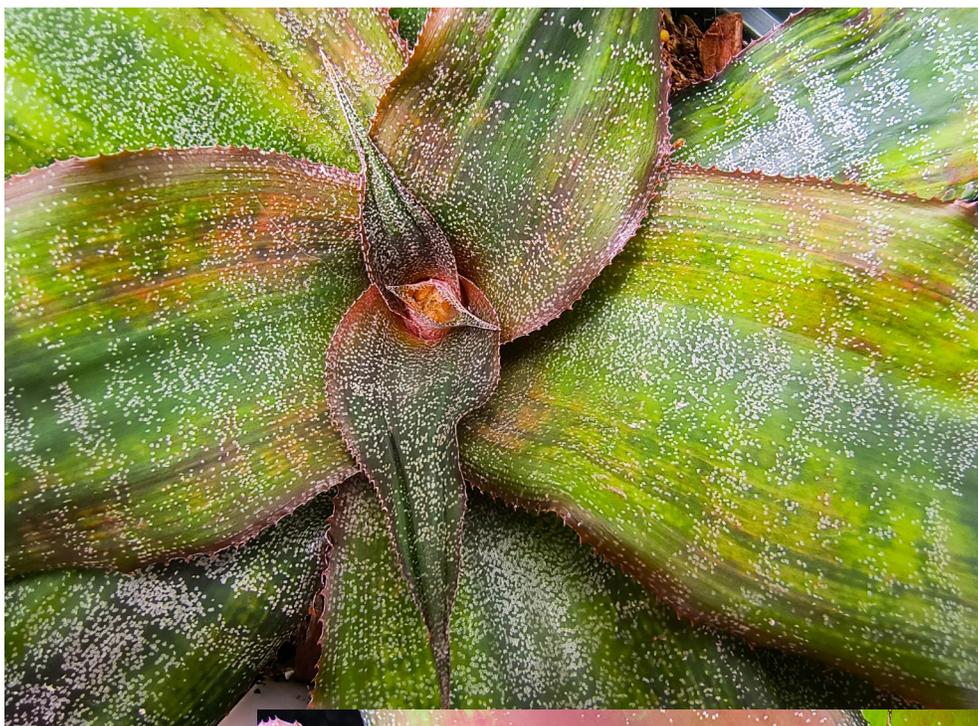


AUGUST SPECIALS



Tillandsia ?

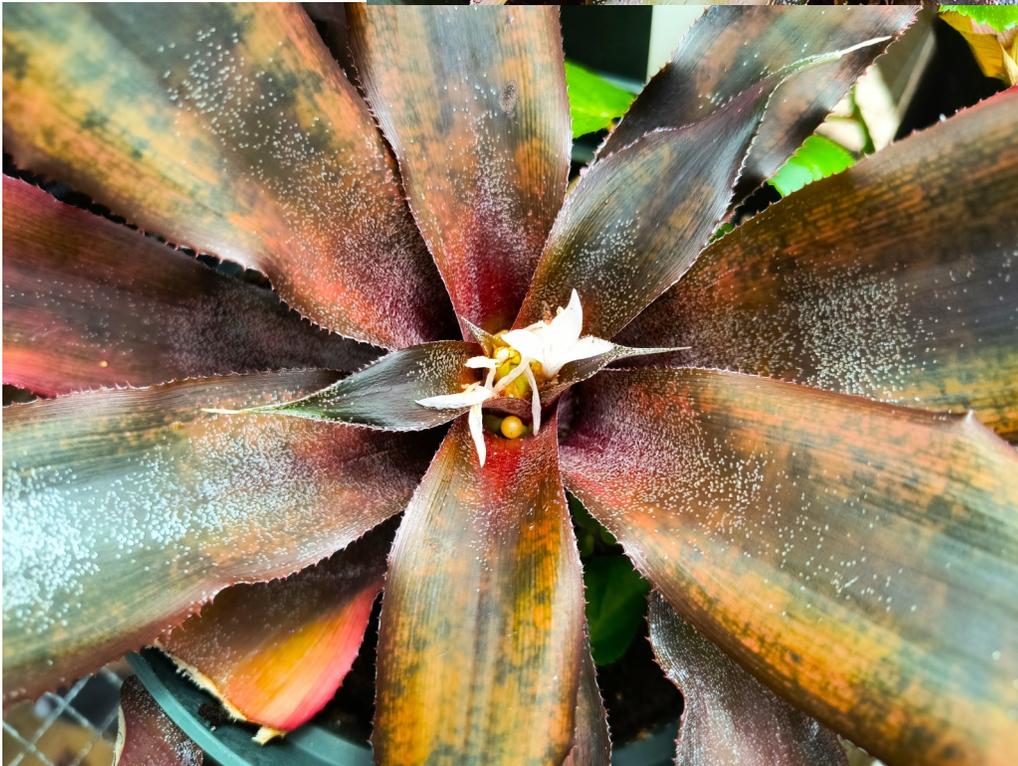
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TOP: *Cryptanthus* 'Kakadu'

BOTTOM: '*Cryptanthus* 'Pink Panther''

AUGUST SPECIALS P.3



TOP: *Cryptanthus* 'Tabasco'

BOTTOM: *Cryptanthus* 'Pomegranate'

BULLETIN BOARD AUGUST 2024

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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Vicki Pinak	8/12
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Angela Galindo	8/15
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Troy Merchant	8/24
Joanne Woolsey	8/24



A TO N Bring Refreshments



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www.jimbosnursery.com

Houston Orchid Society

www.houstonorchidsociety.org

Regular meeting first Thursday of month at 7:30 PM
First Christian Church | 1601 Sunset Blvd



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

www.tgcfersoc.org

Regular meeting third Sunday of month at 2:00 PM
Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center
2020 Hermann Drive., Houston, TX 77004



Houston Cactus and Succulent Society

www.hcsstex.org

Regular meeting fourth Wednesday of month at 7:00 PM

Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019

BULLETIN BOARD

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The Cactus Society has offered for us to have a booth at their Show and Sale Friday Sept 6 9am-5pm and Saturday 7th 9am-3pm at West Grey Multi-Service Center like last year.

If you can work at this event, please notify Frank Lee. Faleejr55@gmail.com



GLOSSARY

Aegeotropic	Aegeotropic means growing in all directions ie not affected by gravity. <i>Tillandsia bulbosa</i> is an example of an ageotropic plant
Bigeneric	A plant that is the result of crossing two different genera. It will have an 'x' in front of its name, eg: x <i>Anamea Scorpio</i> . The bigeneric name will be a cross between the genera involved in the parentage, as in the above case: <i>Ananas</i> and <i>Achemea</i> = x <i>Anamea</i> .
Bract	This is a specialized leaf found below a flower or on the stalk of a flower cluster and sometimes brightly coloured
Caulescent	Stem-like growth
Compact inflorescence	Branched inflorescence.
Digitate inflorescence	'Finger-like' with 'branches' coming from one point. <i>Tillandsia disticha</i> has a digitate flower spike
Discolor	Having two different colours. In a bromeliad leaf it usually means a green leaf with red underside
Epiphyte	An epiphyte is plant that grows attached to another plant/tree but it is not a parasite
Flavo	Yellow margin on the leaves
Fenestration	The white spaces between the coloured markings on foliage <i>Vriesea</i> that let the light into the leaf, like little windows
Grex	A group of plants with the same parents
Hemiepiphyte	This is a plant that spends part of it's life cycle as an epiphyte
Inflorescence	Includes the flower stem and the flower head with usually small, sometimes insignificant flowers
Imbricate	Overlapping sections eg, on the inflorescence of <i>Tillandsia concolor</i>
Lanceolate	Large at the base then tapering to a point
Lithophyte	A plant that grows on and/or between rocks and crevices
Mesic	A growing habitat containing a moderate amount of moisture
Myrmecophyte	Ants inhabit the base of bulbous <i>Tillandsia</i> varieties. An example <i>T. bulbosa</i>
Novar	A variegated or albomarginated plant that has lost it's variegation
Pedicel	Flower stalk
Rupicolous	Living or growing on or among rocks
Semi sessile	Flowers on a short stem
Simple	A single un-branched inflorescence
Stolon	Long woody runner or stem from a mother plant that a new pup develops on
Stoloniferous	Pups/plants form at the end of a stolon
Saxicole	A plant that grows on and/or between rocks and crevices
Xeric	A growing habitat containing little moisture or very dry

RESOURCES

BROMELIAD SOCIETY HOUSTON WEB PAGE

[Bromeliad Society /Houston – Sharing the love of Bromeliads in the Space City... \(bromeliadsocietyhouston.org\)](http://bromeliadsocietyhouston.org)

BROMELIAD SOCIETY HOUSTON FACEBOOK

[\(20+\) Bromeliad Society Houston | Facebook](#)

BROMELIAD SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

[BSI | The Bromeliad Society International](#)

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF BROMELIAD SOCIETIES

[https://fcbs.org/ index.php](https://fcbs.org/index.php)

BROMELIADS IN AUSTRALIA

[Bromeliads in Australia](#)

NEW ZEALAND BROMELIAD SOCIETY

[Welcome to the BSNZ Website](#)

BROMELIAD THAILAND

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CRYPTANTHUS SOCIETY

CryptanthusSociety.net

WIKIPEDIA

[Bromeliaceae - Wikipedia](#)

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There are two classes of membership:

Individual	\$20 per year
Family	\$30 per year

All memberships begin with January of the current year.
Visit our website at www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org for more information.

Please send your check to:

Allyn Pearlman
6422 Bankside Drive
Houston, TX 77096

Cryptanthus Society membership

There are two classes of membership:

Individual	\$20 per year
Family	\$25 per year

Please send your check to:

Carole Richtmyer
18814 Cypress Mountain Dr.
Spring, TX 77388

**Have you checked on your bromeliads today?
Don't forget to water...**



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