

Winsonville

Winsonville existed for many generations as a modest trading outpost of [Human](#) and [Elven](#) hunters north of Lake Xiulu and south of Medigeshrin Bay. Its location made it readily accessible by sea to the Northern province of [Kyoto](#). It is nestled at the edge of a forest called Kinen-rin. Both the forest and the city were rumored to be haunted and occupied by only ghosts despite the fact that the city was inhabited by at least 12,000 [Yamataian](#) citizens at its peak. It was relatively peaceful and unremarkable until the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#) in [YE 33](#).

More about Winsonville

Quote from [44th Fire Team - 0.1 Thoughts and actions astray](#)

[Jskita](#). [Malifar](#). Mezerit. Winsonville. [Hoshi no lori](#). The utter obliteration of each site had brought a gravity to the air of the capital that had never been so intimately felt. The loss of life was staggering. The loss of face was worse. It was not defeat, but it tasted of it; there were scars where great cities had once jutted proud and strong and silver against Yamatai's rising sun. It was a dynamic that had changed something about the Empire, but just how deeply was difficult to grasp.

The citizens of Winsonville that were not connected to the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) where largely unconcerned with the [Second Mishhuvurthyar War](#) until [Battle of Yamatai](#) happened. In that particular battle, the war become real to Winsonville as the [First Expeditionary Fleet](#) clashed in a massive battle against the NMX fleet overhead. Emergency services managed to evacuate most of the citizens to shelters as the debris from the destroyed NMX ships tumbled towards inhabited areas all over [Yamatai \(Planet\)](#).

Quote from [SANDRA- 2 Million Citizens Dead from Battle of Yamatai](#)

"Also, in Xiuluria Prefecture, the town of Winsonville was leveled by falling debris from the NMX flagship. The vast majority of the population there escaped to their designated shelters. Casualties are placed in the 4,000 range.

Only about 8,000 citizens in Winsonville survived the fallout. But at least another 2,000 perished when they emerged from their shelters and breathed in noxious fumes from the burning forest and [NMX](#) ship debris. Wartime shortages caused some rioting as the city struggled to rebuild. Citizens were distributed rations to combat the food shortages.

Quote from [SANDRA- YNP probe cannibalism attacks; minister seeks calm](#)

"YNP investigators say they have 'solid leads' after homes in three communities — [Malifar](#), [Port Xenn](#) and Winsonville — were burned to the ground by pro-burial activists seeking to quash debate about the Senate bill. Initial police presence, made possible by the YNP and with officers on loan from the Kyoto Municipal Police, maintained order in the affected areas for no more than five consecutive hours, the YNP said.

The years following the war saw the city slowly start to rebuild, new trees were planted in remembrance and the dead honored. Winsonville never fully recovered and the population dwindled as Yamataians relocated to other parts of Yamatai, cutting the city's populace in half.

People of Winsonville, Xiuluria

On the outskirts of the traditionally isolationist elven nation, Winsonville's population is broken down as follows: 70% populated by [Yamataians](#) of [Human](#) and [Nepleslian](#) descent; 29.5% [Nekovalkyrja](#); .5% Claim to be of sort of [elven](#) descent.

The denizens of Winsonville that are rumored to be of elven heritage tend to favor tall, thin, lithe builds and have the characteristic, slightly elongated, pointed ears. If they are of the Agarorn clan, they favor copper hair, freckles and green eyes. If they are of Tinudant descent, they favor light brown hair, and grey eyes.

Culture

There is a deep appreciation for the outdoors and a deep reverence for the forest and what the trees represent but despite that, there is still a strong woodworking culture and woodcraft. The people from here are considered a little rough around the edges and rural.

Kinen-rin

Quote from Knights of Astera - Under Glass

The forest loomed over them. The bark of the trees was a deep red, the leaves were a ghastly white, and their branches stretched up to the sky like monstrous talons. The forest floor was covered in grey moss and patches of deep red grass. The small log cabin in the center of this clearing was cut from burgundy wood and the roof was thatched with large wooden shingles.
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The [Wood Elves](#) that used to live and train in relative seclusion near Winsonville ritualistically planted trees in honor of the dead. They regarded these trees with great reverence and tended them as part of their regular daily activities. They became associated with the blood red trees they favored, the Agarorn, or "Bloodtree". The other trees that grew in this area with their unique coloration have made this area of forest unique and haunting to behold. The mournful bird calls added to mystique and an air of morbidity clung to the area. Travelers started rumors that the city and neighboring forest were haunted. Those that lived in Winsonville enjoyed the privacy.

At least until people started seeking out this forest to meet their final deaths. No one knows when the practice started but it ended after [Great Plague of YE 08](#). Over time, as more and more strangers decided to perish in this forest, patrols were arranged to stop this from happening or to help locate the dead. Another clan of elves took it upon themselves to act as wardens and guides within the forest, the Tinudant, or "Starfall". For every death in the forest, a new tree was planted. For every death suffered by the people of Yamatai a new tree was planted. The forest grew in this way until [YE 17](#) when the last Agarorn child was born but in [YE 33](#), the town's survivors revived the tradition of planting trees to honor their dead after the town was devastated by the [Battle of Yamatai](#). It is also notable that the last Agarorn clan elf in Winsonville died in the aftermath.

In modern times, the forest is a wildlife preserve with hunting permitted only by special permit to control the population of boar and deer. The birds in this preserve are known for their eerie, mournful calls. There are many species of animals that had be reintroduced to the forest after the war to include deer,

boar, mink, rabbits, and bats.

Unique Flora

In the spring there are a variety of nocturnal blooming flowers and vines.

Agarorn “Bloodtree”- This tree has a deep burgundy bark and ghostly white, smooth, glossy, oval shaped leaves. In spring, the tree produces red, teardrop shaped blossoms that attracts hummingbirds and bees. The ruby sap of this tree smells incredibly sweet but is poisonous to most mammals. The unique coloration of this hardwood makes it popular for furniture and housing.

Úlaire Nimloth “Ghost Maple” - This deciduous tree has snowy white bark and dark purple, almost black hand shapes leaves with rounded tips. The smokey colored sap from these trees is popular for distillation into syrups and liquors. Known to grow to the height of 10–45 m (33–148 ft).

Entgûl “Black pine” - These are evergreen, coniferous resinous trees have pitch black thick and scaly bark with short, deep purple needles. The soft wood from this tree is a mauve color that is popular for furniture, smoking meats and woodcrafting. Its seeds are edible, and its pine needles are used for brewing tea that are both known for being high in vitamin A and C. Known to grow to 15–45 m (50–150 ft) tall.

Transportation

Winsonville has a direct rail line to [Uesureyan Fields](#) (West) and an East line to Dasulim and [Ternifac](#) (East). It also has the starting end of the only rail line into Xiuluria (South).

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