

XEXIA GUIDE TO PARENTAGE

Surrogacy Method 3 — Fertile Union:

Used in: Pua Hala Kai (Macaw/Parrot), Ravens (PNW), some Hawk/Eagle bands, rare Moth/Firefly tribes.

A ritual-duty conception where the surrogate carries the intended parents' child. All parties consent; ritual blessing required; the surrogate becomes an honored "nest-sister" but not a parent.

Prohibited In:

Lyra Eos (Swans), Owlkin, Phoenix circles, Stork/Heron tribes.

Adoption Methods:

A) Nest-Claiming (Ceremonial Adoption):

Used by Swans, Owlkin, Stork/Heron, Phoenix-adjacent groups.

The intended parents present a cradle; the shaman places the child within; lifting the cradle seals the bond. A chosen child is considered doubly blessed.

B) Seedfather/Seedmother Claimed (Designated Donor Method):

Used by Hawk/Eagle clans, certain desert tribes, and occasionally Ravens.

A donor contributes seed or ovum through ritual. A fertility priest encourages conception within the intended mother. Donor becomes a Feather-Father/Mother—honored but not a parent.

C) Life-Exchange Adoption:

Used by Owlkin and Moth tribes.

Through vision-walk, the shaman identifies the family whose spirit matches an orphaned child. Placement is viewed as ancestral will.

Core Cultural Principles:

- Parenthood is a calling, not merely biological.
- Surrogacy is respected but culturally limited.
- Adoption is sacred and fully equal to birth.
- Children always know who bore them and who raised them.

- No secrecy or stigma surrounds adoption or surrogacy.

This guide summarizes how all tribes of Xexia approach parentage with honor, ritual, and communal responsibility.