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Dr. Zira

Dr. Zira is a chimpanzee psychologist and veterinarian, who specialises in the study of humans, in the novel and subsequent movie series Planet of the Apes. Zira was played in the first three Apes movies by actress Kim Hunter. Unique among the Apes characters, Zira has blue eyes.

Zira is the fiancée (later wife) of Cornelius, and both are ultimately responsible to the Minister of Science,

Dr. Zaius. Zira's character and role are essentially the same in both the novel and the movies, though some story details differ.

Zira is an outspoken liberal by nature, deploring war and militancy (and despising the gorillas) and eager to seek and develop intelligence anywhere it can be found. Zira literally stands for her principles - or refuses to stand, as the case may be.

Cornelius and Zira (and Zira's nephew Lucius) are Taylor's only friends among the Simians that Taylor has on The Planet of the Apes.