

What's Blooming on Campus?

April 2018

As April concludes, it's still cold! The March bloomers are still at it this month, and with the addition of more plant material coming to life, campus is full of color. We're still not seeing soil temperatures where they historically are for late April. The recent rainfall gives San Diego 3.31 inches since October 1st, making it the second driest water year on record- driest is 2001-02 at 3.30 inches. Because of the dry and cold soils, our grass areas are struggling to green up this spring. It's going to be a long summer.

Take the time this month and into next to visit Centennial Mall to smell the Jasmine and Cleveland Sage under the young Tipuana tipu trees. The roses are also starting to bloom on Campanile Mall. The Desert Museum Palo Verde is quite the sight this time of year with the green bark and bright yellow bloom.

If the weather decides to warm up and stay consistent, we will see the Jacarandas bloom and the Tipu trees start to come to life. The lavender bloom of the Jacarandas are a telltale sign that Commencement has arrived and the spring semester is about to conclude.

We have such a wide array of plants from areas of the world that share our unique climate. We're excited to provide this type of information to our campus community. We appreciate all the feedback to make this communication better! Please feel free to reach out to our Landscape Services team out on campus or Joshua Koss (jkoss@sdsu.edu or ext. 41793) with any questions.



Desert Museum Palo Verde
Cercidium 'Desert Museum'
Desert Regions of Africa, America



Pink Gaura
Gaura lindheimeri 'Siskiyou Pink'
Southern Louisiana and Texas



Kangaroo Paw
Anigozanthos 'Big Red'
Western Australia



Mexican Bird of Paradise
Erythrostemon mexicanus
Texas, Mexico



Cleveland Sage
Salvia Clevelandii 'Allen Chickering'
California Native
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Star Jasmine
Trachelosperum jasminoides
Southeastern Asia
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Bush Tenacity Kangaroo Paw
Anigozanthos 'Bush Tenacity'
Western Australia



Spider Flower
Grevillea
Australia, New Guinea



African Tulip Tree
Spathodea campanulata
Africa



Autumn Sage
Salvia greggii 'Raspberry'
SW Texas, Chihuahuan Desert



Canna lily
Canna
Tropics, temperate climates



White Orchid Tree
Bauhinia acuminata
Malaysia, Indonesia
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Rock Purslane
Calandrinia spectabilis
Australia, Chile, and Western North America



Hibiscus
Hibiscus
Subtropical and tropical regions



California Fuchsia
Epilobium canum
California Native



Autumn Sage
Salvia greggii 'Red'
SW Texas, Chihuahuan Desert



Fan Flower
Scaevola
Australia and Polynesia



Natal Plum
Carissa macrocarpa
South Africa



Bird of Paradise
Strelitzia reginae
South Africa



Society Garlic
Tulbaghia violacea
South Africa
FRAGRANT - it stinks!



Scarlet Bottlebrush
Callistemon citrinus
Australia