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.
Kangaroo Paw
*Anigozanthos 'Big Red'*
Western Australia

Mexican Bird of Paradise
*Erythrostemon mexicanus*
Texas, Mexico

Cleveland Sage
*Salvia Clevelandii 'Allen Chickering’*
California Native
*FRAGRANT*

Star Jasmine
*Trachelospernum jasminoides*
Southeastern Asia
*FRAGRANT*
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
*FRAGRANT*

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