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 *FRAGRANT*



Star Jasmine
Trachelosperumum 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

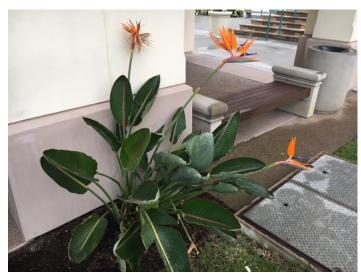


Fan Flower Scaevola Australia and Polynesia



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

