



## A Second “Corpse Flower” Prepares to Bloom at San Diego Botanic Garden

*This rare and rancid plant is expected to bloom over the next week, offering visitors a second chance to see and catch a whiff of the magnificent bloom*

**ENCINITAS (July 10, 2024)** – Following the bloom of its recent [corpse flower](#) (*Amorphophallus titanum*) last month, [San Diego Botanic Garden \(SDBG\)](#) prepares for the bloom of another corpse flower, a sister plant, over the next week. The corpse flower is currently on display in the Dickinson Family Education Conservatory at the Garden, and once in full bloom it will emit its pungent odor for only 48-hours.

“We are extremely fortunate to be presenting our second corpse flower bloom of the year from a plant within our permanent collection,” said SDBG President and CEO, Ari Novy, PhD. “This particular plant is a sibling to the plant that just bloomed here in late June. The response to that recent bloom was incredible, and we cannot wait to share this experience with the community once again. If you didn’t have a chance to come check out the last bloom, this is your opportunity.”

The blooming of a corpse flower is a rare and special event, as most of these plants require seven to ten years to produce their first blooms, and bloom only every four to five years thereafter. This particular corpse flower is the ‘sibling’ of the last corpse plant, which recently bloomed at the Garden on the evening of June 28, 2024. These two plants appear to be on the same cycle as both have previously bloomed within 30 days of each other, first in 2018 and a second time, also together, in 2021. Over the next week, the flower will continue to grow until reaching its peak bloom height and then finally open up to display its full and stinky glory.

The corpse flower gets its name from its odor, which has been commonly described as a rotting corpse or carcass. Once in full bloom, the plant will emit its stench for just two days, and then stay up for 3-4 days before it begins to close and slowly decay over the following days.

Native to the rainforests of Sumatra, the corpse flower is listed as Endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), with an estimation of fewer than 1,000 individuals remaining in the wild. Botanic gardens across the world work together to preserve the genetic diversity of plants like this one by sharing pollen, seed, and plant materials. SDBG will collect and store pollen from this bloom, with hopes of sharing out to other botanic gardens to broaden the gene pool and help conserve this magnificent plant.

SDBG will extend its hours to midnight for the first night of bloom, followed by 10 p.m. on the second night of bloom, allowing guests a chance to see – and smell – this rare phenomenon in full splendor. Visitors will have access to areas of the Garden until 8 p.m., after which access will be to the Conservatory space only. For those unable to visit at night, special early morning viewing hours will also be available starting at 7 a.m. on the second and third days following the bloom. The flower will remain on display during regular daytime hours until it decays.

For those unable to visit in person, a 24-hour live stream of the plant is available [online](#). While the exact bloom date cannot be determined, SDBG will regularly update its website and social media, along with hosting a naming competition for the bloom via social media. This plant's previous bloom in 2021 was named "Jack Smellington".

Ticket reservations are required. SDBG Members receive free admission. Pricing for non-members is \$18 for Adults, \$10 for children 3-12, and free for ages 2 and under. Discounted pricing is available for military, students, and seniors ages 60+. For more information on San Diego Botanic Garden and to plan your visit, please visit [www.sdbg.org](http://www.sdbg.org).

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#### **About San Diego Botanic Garden:**

Established in 1970, San Diego Botanic Garden (SDBG) is a 37-acre urban oasis located in Encinitas, California, just north of San Diego. The Garden's four miles of trails and 8,000 square foot glass conservatory display more than 5,300 plant species and varieties. A premiere institution for botanical science and conservation, SDBG is actively involved in conservation horticulture, botany, and applied plant sciences to address our biggest local and global challenges, from biodiversity loss to climate change, food insecurity to environmental degradation. SDBG has the largest public bamboo collection in North America; gardens representing different regions and flora of the world; three children's gardens, and demonstration gardens showcasing fruits and vegetables, water-smart ornamentals, and native plants. Through an array of educational programming, events and activities for both children and adults, the Garden aims to create, share, and apply plant wisdom to the world. Learn more at [sdbg.org](http://sdbg.org). | FB [@SDBotanicGarden](#) | Instagram [@sandiegobotanicgarden](#) | Twitter [@SDBGarden](#) | LinkedIn [@SanDiegoBotanicGarden](#) | TikTok [@sandiegobotanicgarden](#)