

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Wildflower Update
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We are being “cautiously optimistic” in making predictions about annual wildflowers this spring. Winter rains have been below average, but we are seeing germination in many places. Plants are still small, however, and forecasted warm weather could cause them to wither before blooming.

There will undoubtedly be some wildflowers blooming in some parts of the park but where the best blooms will be found remains to be seen. With another good rainfall this month, plants could grow larger and make a respectable showing, though some searching may still be required. Western Canyons including Borrego Palm Canyon will be a good place to look.

Desert Lily plants (not flowers, yet) have been spotted in many areas.

Annual flowers such as phacelia are just starting to bloom at the Visitor Center; shrubs including brittlebush and chuparosa will make a beautiful showing as well.

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