

Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Wildflower Update
February 27, 2015

Unseasonably warm temperatures earlier in the month brought annual wildflowers into bloom fairly quickly.

For the first time in several years, desert sunflower and dune primrose are blooming along Henderson Canyon Road, though plants are small and less showy than in peak years. Predicted winds this weekend can have a severe drying effect, so the plants may not last much longer. An occasional desert lily rewards the sharp-eyed flower seeker.

Annual flowers including purple phacelia and yellow desert dandelion are blooming at the Visitor Center and in Borrego Palm Canyon; shrubs such as brittlebush, chuparosa, and desert lavender are making a beautiful showing as well, especially in western canyons.

Creamy brown-eyed evening primrose and pink sand verbena can be found in the fields along DiGiorgio Road and alongside many of the roads throughout the Borrego Valley.

Caterpillars of the white-lined sphinx moth have devoured most of the blossoms at the north end of DiGiorgio Road.

Daytime temperatures are warm, but mornings are delightful for hiking, exploring, and wildflower-seeking!

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