

Wildflower Update January 12, 2015

We are being “cautiously optimistic” in making predictions about annual wildflowers this spring. Winter rains are still below average, but cool temperatures have been keeping the ground moist and we are starting to see germination.

There will undoubtedly be some wildflowers blooming in some parts of the park; where the best blooms are to 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 be required. A recent trip into the badlands yielded Brittlebush and Orcutt Aster in bloom, and even a small Brown-Eyed Evening Primrose. Desert Lily plants (not flowers, yet) have also been spotted.

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