

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #16: July 15 to July 22, 2018

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At Our Sister Site

For once, the most exciting botanical event of the season is *not* at our beloved VanDusen, but at nearby Bloedel Conservatory. The Corpse Flower (*titan arum*) as of press time (Friday) has not yet bloomed. When it does, Bloedel will stay open until 11:00pm for two days. Tell your guests of this exciting opportunity!

Departure

Camil Dumont is running for Park Board, and thus is no longer eligible to garden at VanDusen. Jen Berney (an associate farmer at Inner City Farms) will take over his role 2 days a week. Notes from Camil's July walk are at Erica's notebook, and Cynthia Sayre has provided more intpretation at www.ericanotebook.com/vegetablegarden.html.

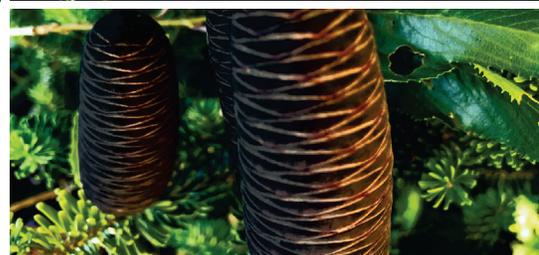
The Great Canadian Bumble Bee Count

Friends of the Earth have organized this count from July to August. You can take part in a census for bees. (I didn't even know that "bumble bee" wasn't a species, it's a genus, *Bombus*). Visit their web site for more information on how to help.

HIDDEN BEAUTY



In the new Backyard Bird Garden, let your guests get handsy with flowers on the Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana* 'Miss Manners') that'll stay where you rotate them. We've got lots of Sorbus, but for pomes at eye level try this Weeping Mountain Ash (*Sorbus aucuparia* 'Pendula') on the path from Heather Garden along Heron Lake. West of the Perennial Garden the Nikko Fir (*Abies homolepis*) is laden with masses of charcoal cones bearing elegant etched cinnamon stripes.



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