

VanDusen Botanical Garden

Guide Weekly Update #1: March 31 to April 6, 2019

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Be Warned ...

The area between the Black & Gold Garden and Livingstone Lake now looks like this (see right). A couple of trees remain, including the Medlar.



Member Mornings Are Back (with a vengeance)

1 April 2019 (Monday) **AND** 4 April 2019 (Thursday) 8:00am:
Enjoy VanDusen Garden before the public gets in: first 50 members get free coffee!

Garden Walk with James Warkentin

4 April 2019 (Thursday) 10:00am:
Meet on the Plaza, tour the garden with the Superintendent, theme is “The Garden Year Ahead.”

Bird Walk with Jeremy Gordon

6 April 2019 (Saturday) 10:00am:
Meet in the Atrium. First-come first-served (max. 25) free with admission.

PERFECT PAIRINGS

This year I thought I'd point out some “perfect pairings” ... while you're pointing out the obvious (large/showy/interesting) plant, there might be a worthy but slightly more humble plant nearby that could also get some love—the hero, and the sidekick, if you will. For instance, while discussing the Garry Oak (and the Duchess of Cornwall, in the rain, tossing dirt on the new planting) you might notice *Festuca idahoensis* (Idaho Fescue) everywhere around it. This hardy survivor can be found in western North America's shady forests and open grasslands, and is a delicious and nutritious meal for many native animals. Or, when noticing the gorgeous Hellebores on display, one might look up and see a *Cedrus atlantica* Glauca Group (Blue Atlas Cedar), native to the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, which provide habitat for the endangered Barbary macaque—or recall the tree house built for Amy Carter in the Atlas Cedar on the South Lawn of the White House.



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