VanDusen Botanical Garden

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Nothing to Tell You!
Have a great winter break, see you next Spring.

DID I MENTION … ?

►Just south of the Himalayan White Pine (on the path between Rose and Perennial Gardens) is a Seven Son Flower (*Heptacodium miconioides*) with small white flowers that fall, leaving behind pink sepals that give the appearance of a much longer bloom season.

Seven Son Flower is a direct translation of the Chinese name, qi zi hua, 七子花 (and to my eyes reads much the same in Japanese, Seventh Child Flower), and it's of course endemic to China, where it was "discovered"on mountain cliffs during an Arnold Arboretum expedition (Harvard, in other words). It's only been widely cultivated outside of its natural terrain since 1980, when the Arboretum received numerous viable seeds and discovered it grew well in a variety of climates.

It was the Arboretum who gave it its Latin name: translating to "having 7 structures that resemble poppy heads." The bark is an unusual feature: it peels off in vertical strips.

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