

## Corpse Flower Blooms at the New York Botanical Garden

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The New York Botanical Garden's Corpse flower (*Amorphophallus titanum*) burst into full bloom late Thursday. Its peak bloom was on Friday, before the flower began drying up on Saturday. The Corpse Flower is native to Sumatra, Indonesia. Blooms are rare and unpredictable. Each plant takes 7-10 years to store sufficient energy to bloom. When in bloom, each flower emits a pungent smell similar to rotting meat, which attracts insect pollinators that feed on dead animals.



