

# Public Service Announcement

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City of Edmonton

## Calling all carrion beetles: The Corpse Flower has bloomed!

Do you smell something? It's got to be Putrella, the Muttart Conservatory's corpse flower. She's in bloom again, as of 3 a.m. Tuesday, April 7. Putrella is releasing her unique love potion into the air of the tropical pyramid, in the hopes that carrion beetles will arrive to bring her pollen to other plants.



She currently stands 6'3" tall and her towering floral spike has reached 32 degrees Celsius. Before the bloom ends, her temperature will become closer to human body temperature.

The Muttart Conservatory opened today at 8 a.m. and will continue to be open for the next 24 hours. The vents to the tropical pyramid have been adjusted to prolong Putrella's bloom and capture her scent. The overpowering stench of the corpse flower comes from chemicals found on sweaty feet.

Putrella's full bloom is expected to last approximately 48 hours.

More information can be found online at [edmonton.ca/corpse-flower](http://edmonton.ca/corpse-flower) and on City of Edmonton social media.

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