

MEET STINK FLOYD

the Giant Corpse Flower (*Amorphophallus titanum*)

Owned by ISU's Bessey Greenhouse (Richard W. Pohl Conservatory) under the guardianship of Kenny McCabe



Amorphophallus titanum

Known as the corpse flower/plant or titan arum, this botanical giant hails from the rainforests of Sumatra, Indonesia.

It's famous for three things:

- Its massive bloom (up to 10 feet tall!)
- Its rare blooming cycle (7-10 years for first bloom & every 4-5 years after that)
- Its unmistakable stench of rotting flesh (This stench isn't a fluke – it mimics decomposing meat to attract pollinators like carrion beetles and flesh flies. The bloom lasts only 24 to 48 hours, making each one a truly rare event).

Did You Know?

- The bloom generates heat, helping spread its scent
- The plant spends most of its life as an underground tuber, sometimes for years. Floyd is 12 years old.

**Don't miss the bloom! If you smell something...
unfortunate, the show might be on!**

Life Cycle of the Titan Arum

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