

Do Chamise flowers smell like vanilla?

I found several flowering Chamise plants this morning and smelled flowers from all of them; even after crushing the flowers I do not think they have a discernable smell (other than smelling like a crushed plant). Some people are more sensitive to some scents than others; just because I do not think the flowers smelled like vanilla does not mean that someone else may think so.

I checked a couple of plant books and on the internet and was unable to find any notes about Chamise flowers having a scent.

If you are interested in plants that do have a scent I would recommend looking for: California Bay Laurel, Pitcher Sage, Sage Brush, Coyote Mint, Mugwort, Pearly Everlasting and Matilleja Poppy. All are native to Foothills Park and can be found with relative ease. I'll leave it up to your experimentation to determine if the flowers, leaves or some other parts of the plant are scented.