

Main Flower Varieties and Best Time to see Them

	January		February		March		April		May		June		July		August		September		October		November		December	
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Japanese Allspice																								
Plum • Japanese Witch Hazel • Japanese Cornel • Buttercup Winterhazel																								
Tokai Cherry • Higan Cherry • Forsythia • Japanese Quince • Magnolia																								
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Flowering Peach • Ukon Cherry • Kanzan Cherry • Gyoikou Cherry • Tulip																								
Pearlbush • Deshojo Maple • Japanese Snowball • Satsuki Azalea • Azalea																								
Hydrangea																								
Goldband Lily • Water Lily																								
Plumbed Cockscomb																								

This "best time to see" is based on an average year.



Autumnalis (Jugatsu-Zakura)



■ Prunus Subhirtella

White to pink red flowers bloom from autumn to spring. A feature of this variety is the double-flowered blossoms, with larger flowers blooming in greater numbers in spring.

Japanese Witch Hazel (Mansaku)



■ Hamamelis Japonica

Yellow blossoms of this flowering tree signal the coming spring early. Because it blooms during the deciduous season, the flowers, although small, stand out well.

Tokai Cherry



■ Prunus Takenakae

This cultivated cherry variety has five-petaled flowers with a dark base that fades to a pink red at the tips. Many flowers bloom along it's small branches.

Japanese Quince (Boke)



■ Chaenomeles speciosa

It has been grown in Japanese gardens tree for a long time. It blooms with red or white clumps of flowers.

Taiwan Cherry (Kanhi-Zakura)



■ Prunus campanulata

Usually found in temperate areas because they are weak against cold. It blooms late and the whole flower pod drops off at the end of spring.

Amanogawa Cherry



■ Serrulata Erecta

A broom shaped trunk, and large fragrant circular double-flowered blossoms that point towards the sky. The upward flow of the branches resembles the Milky Way (Amanogawa in Japanese).

Kanzan Cherry



■ Prunus Lannesiana

It is a double-flowered cherry tree. It blooms large and dark red colored. Not only does it have many petals, but it also has many flowers, and because it grows in bunches, its branches droop under its weight.

Deshojo Maple



■ Acer Palmatum

Also called the "Spring maple" as its sprout has a bright red color. It turns green in summer before turning red again in autumn.

Japanese Allspice (Robai)



■ Chimonanthus Praecox

Small yellow flowers bloom through the snow season from December to February. The petals have a shiny lustre and a strong aroma.

Japanese Cornel (Sanshuyu)



■ Cornus Officialis

The shape of the flowers resembles fireworks which bloom with small yellow flowers.

Higan Cherry



■ Prunus Subhirtella

Known as a "Kohigan Cherry" which blooms in a scattering pattern with 2 to 3 small flowers. There are a lot of this variety planted around Hanamiyama.

Yulan Magnolia (Haku-Mokuren)



■ Magnoliaceae Magnolia Denudata

Large, white, refined flowers that bloom around the same time as the other varieties of magnolia.

Somei-Yoshino Cherry



■ Prunus Yedoensis

The Somei-Yoshino Cherry is used to measure the progress of the cherry blossom season across Japan. The faint pink blossoms make this tree an icon of spring in Japan.

Flowering Peach (Hanamomo)



■ Prunus Persica

A garden variety of peach with beautiful blossoms known as hanamomo. A subvariety called yaguchi peach is especially renowned for its large round double-flowered scarlet blossoms.

Gyoikou Cherry



■ Cerasus Serrulata

It produces large, double flowers with pale yellow-green petals and thick green streaks. A few days after blooming, the flowers turn yellow with a pink band and the center of the petals turn red.

Japanese Snowball



■ Viburnum plicatum

This deciduous shrub produces pure white ball-shaped flowers against the blue sky in early summer. It blooms about one month earlier than the hydrangea.

Plum (Ume)



■ Prunus Mume

Blooms early to signal the arrival of spring, with a strong aroma. There are many varieties with different colors such as white, pink, and red.

Buttercup Winterhazel (Hyuga-Mizuki)



■ Corylopsis pauciflora

1 to 3 light yellow flowers, like ears of grain, bloom from March to April. It is often called "Hime-Mizuki" at the florist.

Forsythia (Rengyo)



■ Forsythia Suspensa

The branches stand up straight and are full of yellow flowers with 4 petals each.

Okame Cherry



■ Prunus Incamp

This variety is a hybrid of the Taiwan and Mame Cherries. It was bred in England and named "Okame" (representing a traditional beautiful woman) and introduced back to Japan.

Miyabi Cherry



■ Prunus Princess Miyabi

This cherry tree was named in commemoration of the marriage of Empress Masako. Because its parent species is the Taiwan cherry, its flowers feature a darker red color than the Somei-Yoshino Cherry.

Ukon Cherry



■ Prunus Grandiflora

A rare cultivated variety of Oshima-Zakura that blooms from April to May with light yellow-green double-flowered blossoms.

Pearlbush (Rikyubai)



■ Exochorda Racemosa

This variety was imported from China around the end of the Meiji period. 6~10 small white flowers of 4cm, bloom on the end of each branch from April to May.

Satsuki Azalea



■ Rhododendron Indicum

Commonly found in gardens, this cultivated variety also has a wide range of colors. There are also double-flowered varieties.