



Kyushu azalea (*Rhododendron kiusianum*)
on Mount Takadake



Long Yellow Daylily (*Hemerocallis citrina* var. *vespertina*)
in Higotaikouen Park



Tadewara Marsh

Volcano

Due to the influence of volcanic gases around the volcano, characteristic plants such as *Miyama Kirishima* (*Rhododendron kiusianum*) and *cowberries* (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*) form plant communities, creating a unique landscape.

Grassland

The grasslands maintained by people for over 1,000 years are a treasure trove of wildflowers, including rare and endangered species such as *Globe Thistle* (*Echinops setifer*) and *Oriental Yellow Violet* (*Viola orientalis*).

Marsh

Tadewara Marsh and Bogatsuru Marsh are home to vegetation of scientific importance, including clusters of *Lobelia sessilifolia*.



Flower Map

Aso-Kuju National Park



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In Aso-Kuju National Park, it is prohibited to collect any plants that are protected by park regulations without permission, including those introduced in this brochure. Instead of taking them home, let's nurture and appreciate them in their natural environment. Also, please refrain from entering the grasslands or pastures for animal quarantine.

Aso-Kuju National Park,
where a wide variety of flowers bloom

Aso-Kuju National Park is located in the central part of Kyushu, spanning the two prefectures of Oita and Kumamoto, and was established in 1934. The main characteristics of the park include a huge caldera that encompasses the five peaks of Mount Aso, the Kuju mountain range located to the north, and the magnificent, gently rolling grasslands that surround them.

From early April to October, Aso-Kuju National Park is filled with a variety of flowers that change with the seasons. In the grasslands and wetlands of Aso-Kuju, many plant species thrive, including some that share a common ancestry with plants from the Asian continent, which was connected to the Japanese islands during the Ice Age. Additionally, there are northern plants that are usually found in northern Japan. The presence of these different types of plants contributes to the rich diversity of flora in this region.

Globe Thistle in Higotaikouen Park



Aso-Kuju National Park Flower Map



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	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
1 Mt.Tsurumidake Mt.Yufudake	<i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i> <i>Viola orientalis</i>	<i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i> <i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i>	<i>Iris ensata</i> Thunb <i>Hemerocallis citrina</i> var. <i>vespertina</i>		<i>Parnassia alpicola</i> var. <i>palustris</i>		
2 Mt.Kuju Mt.Nakadake		<i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i> <i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i> <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>		<i>Angelica longiradiata</i>			
3 Mt.Waita Mt.Hitome	<i>Viola orientalis</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i>	<i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i> <i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i>		<i>Scabiosa japonica</i> var. <i>japonica</i> <i>Angelica longiradiata</i>	<i>Parnassia alpicola</i> var. <i>palustris</i>		
4 Bogatsuru Marsh		<i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i> <i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i> <i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	<i>Iris ensata</i> Thunb <i>Hemerocallis citrina</i> var. <i>vespertina</i>	<i>Lobelia sessilifolia</i> <i>P. palustris</i>			
5 Tadewara Marsh	<i>Viola orientalis</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i> <i>Primrose</i>		<i>Iris ensata</i> Thunb <i>Hemerocallis citrina</i> var. <i>vespertina</i>	<i>Lobelia sessilifolia</i> <i>P. palustris</i> <i>Echinops setifer</i> <i>Aster maackii</i>			

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6 Higotai Kouen Park	<i>Viola orientalis</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i>		<i>Hemerocallis citrina</i> var. <i>vespertina</i>		<i>Scabiosa japonica</i> var. <i>japonica</i> <i>Echinops setifer</i>	<i>Parnassia alpicola</i> var. <i>palustris</i>	
7 Daikanbo Observatory	<i>Viola orientalis</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i>		<i>Hemerocallis citrina</i> var. <i>vespertina</i>		<i>Echinops setifer</i>	<i>Parnassia alpicola</i> var. <i>palustris</i>	
8 Sensuikyo Valley		<i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i>			<i>Angelica longiradiata</i>		
9 Kusasenri Mt.Edoshidake	<i>Viola orientalis</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i>	<i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i>	<i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i>		<i>Angelica longiradiata</i>	<i>Parnassia alpicola</i> var. <i>palustris</i>	
10 Mt.Takadake		<i>Rhododendron kiusianum</i> <i>Schizocodon soldanelloides</i> var. <i>soldanelloides</i>			<i>Angelica longiradiata</i>		
11 Aso Wildflower Garden	<i>Viola orientalis</i> <i>Gentiana thunbergii</i> var. <i>thunbergii</i>	<i>Iris ensata</i> Thunb <i>Silene sieboldii</i> <i>Hemerocallis citrina</i> var. <i>vespertina</i>		<i>Echinops setifer</i>		<i>Parnassia alpicola</i> var. <i>palustris</i>	

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These calendars provide an overview of the flowering periods, so please use it with the understanding that there may be some discrepancies.