

# Iwate Prefectural Citizens' Forest

# Spring

## Seasonal guide

**Asian skunk cabbage**  
(*Lysichiton camtschatcense*)

Can be seen together with the snow melt and signals that spring has come to the Prefectural Citizens' Forest.

[Mizubasho Garden /late Mar. ~Apr.]



**Left: Korean mountain cherry**  
(*Prunus leveilleana* Koehne)

A late blooming native variety with a neat, white flower. The nearby famous Uwabo lone cherry tree is the same variety.

Many have been planted within the forest. [Beginning~mid-May]

**Right: Sargent's cherry**  
(*Cerasus surgentii*)

Native to this area, it has large, pink flowers. There are about 300 planted in the Prefectural Citizens' Forest, making 'hanami' (cherry blossom viewing) enjoyable especially in the heart of Everyone's Square. [Late Apr.~beginning of May]

**'Husband and Wife' cherry trees [Right of Everyone's Square]**

Peak viewing from end of Apr. to beginning of May. The name originated because the two different types of large cherry tree appear to cuddle up next to each other.



**Mt. Iwate and row of star magnolia [Everyone's Square]**

From late April to the beginning of May, you can see the red and white of star magnolia (*Magnolia stellata*) against a backdrop of the lingering snowy ridgeline of Mt. Iwate.



**Japanese azalea everywhere!**

The beautiful, large orange flowers bloom from late May to June. Seen throughout the forest, the Japanese azalea (*Rhododendron molle*) makes for a brilliant contrast with the new green shoots of summer.



**Japanese witch hazel** (*Hamamelis japonica*)

First flower to bloom, signaling that spring has come to the 'north country' [Around A-8/ Mar.]



**Oo-ba-kuro-moji** (*Lindera umbellata*)

Branches are used for high-quality toothpicks [A-4 ~ A-5 / early May]



**Oo-kame-no-ki**

(*Viburnum furcatum* Blume)

Ornamental flower surrounds the real bloom [Kiju Garden/ May]



**Gyoiko** (*Cerasus serrulata* 'Gyoiko')

Rare, green cherry blossom [Far left hand side of Everyone's Square/ mid-May]



**Kanzan** (*Cerasus serrulata* 'Kanzan')

Late blooming, bright double-flowered cherry [Various locations in Everyone's Square/late May]



**Miyama cherry**

(*Cerasus maximowiczii*)

Neat, native cherry blossom [Jumoku Garden/mid-May]



**Japanese bird cherry** (*Padus grayana*)

Unusual brush-shaped cherry blossom [Right of B-2/ late May]



**Spindle tree** (*Euonymus oxyphyllus*)

Pale pink hanging flowers [Kiju Garden, around Nanataki Falls/ late May]



**Japanese big-leaf magnolia**

(*Magnolia obovata*) The tree with the largest flower in Japan [Right of A-1 and other locations/late May]



**Full-moon maple** (*Acer japonicum*)

Cute, red flowers [Around A-1 and other locations /May]



**Painted maple** (*Acer mono*)

Bundles of small yellow flowers [Everyone's Square / May]



**Japanese horse chestnut**  
(*Aesculus turbinata* Blume)

White, cone-shaped flower; attractive to bees [C-10~C-11/late May]