

Akatsuka Botanical Garden was established in 1981 as a municipal facility for people to become more familiar with nature and plants, making use of the hilly terrain of the Akatsuka area of Itabashi where traces of the ancient Musashino region are still very much in evidence.

The garden is only one hectare in size, but it is home to over 600 species of trees, flowers and wild plants. Enjoy the different sights, sounds and smells of the garden throughout the four seasons.

Itabashi Art Museum, Itabashi Historical Museum and Tokyo Metropolitan Akatsuka Park are also located nearby, and there are many walking courses in natural surroundings.

Man' yō, Medicinal Plants Garden

A parallel establishment to the main garden, with medicinal plants mentioned in the Man' yōshū (Collection of 10000 Leaves), an 8th century Japanese poetry anthology.

Lecture/Exhibition Room

Used as a space for holding various gardening classes and plant-related exhibitions.

Green Advisory Service, Library

Make use of these facilities to look up the names of plants and find out how to care for your plants at home.

Our trained Greening Education Advisors respond to your questions. Enquiries also accepted by telephone (Japanese).

- Address: Akatsuka 5-17-14, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo
- TEL: (03) 3975-9127
- Opening Hours: 9:00~16:30 (December until 16:00)
- Entrance Fee: FREE
- Closing Days: December 29~January 3
- Office Closing Days
(Garden Office, Plant Advice):
Every Monday, 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays
(the following day in case of national holiday; enquire for details)

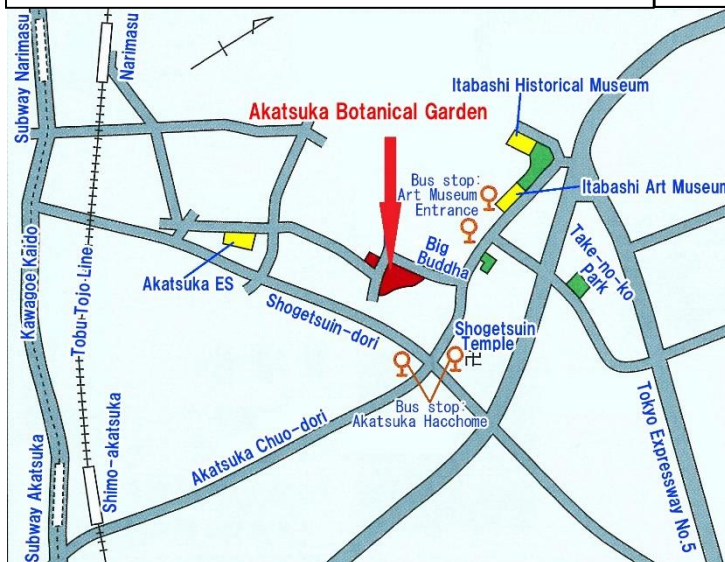
■ Public Transport

From Tobu Tojo Line

- From Narimasu station North Exit, take bus bound for Akabane station West exit or Shimura Sancho-me station and get off at "Akatsuka Hacchome", 5 min walk
- From Shimo-akatsuka station North Exit, take Community Bus and get off at "Art Museum", 5 min walk
- 16 min walk from Narimasu station or Shimo-akatsuka station

From Mita line

- From Shimura Sancho-me station, take bus bound for Narimasu station North Exit and get off at "Akatsuka Hacchome", 5 min walk
- From Takashimadaira station, take bus bound for Narimasu station North Exit (via Art Museum) and get off at "Art Museum", 5 min walk



ENTRY STAMP

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Man'yō, Medicinal Plants Garden



Plants from the Man'yōshū

The Man'yōshū (Collection of 10000 Leaves) mentions over 160 varieties of plant. However, many of them differ to the modern names and with opinion divided they have not been firmly identified.

Marshy Varieties

Water dropwort, common reed, floating heart

Meadow Varieties

Cogon grass, dayflower, red spider lily, kudzu vine, creeping smartweed, Japanese motherwort, fringed pink, thoroughwort, Japanese silver grass, golden lace, madder, violet

Mountain Varieties

Dogtooth violet, okera, blackberry lily, gold lily, dwarf lilyturf

Trees

Japanese andromeda, pussy willow, hardy orange, paper bush, mountain cherry, peach, torch azalea, camellia, Japanese bush cherry, Japanese wisteria,

Japanese rose, bead tree, Japanese snowflower, Japanese snowbell, Japanese anise tree, Japanese big-leaf magnolia, Japanese apricot, mountain maple, scarlet kadsura, Japanese spindle tree, Japanese cherry birch

Medicinal Plants

Chinese peony, white mulberry, Japanese pepper, jujube, gentian, plantain, gardenia, Japanese balloonflower, mugwort



Coniferous Trees

A collection of coniferous trees including varieties of cedar and pine as well as metasequoia, known as the "living fossil".



Lawn Open Space

Enjoy a leisurely picnic on a spacious grass lawn in the shade of zelkova trees.



Orchard

Varieties of fruit tree including chestnut, persimmon, pear, cherry and loquat.



Camellia Garden

A collection of many varieties of camellia, including camellia wabisuke.



Cherry Garden

Enjoy many different varieties of cherry tree such as Yoshino cherry, wild cherry, and weeping cherry.



Keiskea Japonica

A grass that is known for the ice crystals which form on its withered stalks. The crystals can be seen on calm sub-zero early mornings and are said to resemble bird's wings when fully formed.



Musashino Trees

A collection of trees seen in the Musashino region, including Yedo hornbeam, bao-li beech, sawtooth oak, Japanese snowbell, bamboo-leaf oak, Japanese chinquapin, and Itabashi's tree zelkova.



Scented Walking Trail

A walkway of aromatic flowering trees and shrubs equipped with Braille signboards which anyone can enjoy.



Nirinsō (anemone flaccida)

Itabashi's flower blooms in the spring sunshine beneath bare trees between the ends of March and April. The aerial part is already withering by the time the trees above are growing leafy.



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Regional Trees
A collection of prefectural trees representing the different prefectures of Japan such as rhododendron, ampor laurel and Japanese horse chestnut.



Four Seasons Path
Enjoy different flowers according to the season
Spring: witch hazel, paper bush, magnolia
Summer: pagoda tree, rose of Sharon, crape myrtle
Autumn, winter: tea, holly, winter sweet



Japanese Garden
Examples of traditional Japanese garden objects such as stepping and decorative stones, deer-scarer, stone washbasin, garden lantern and hedges. Various species of bamboo such as moso bamboo, giant timber bamboo, black bamboo and kuma bamboo add an elegant touch.



Rose Garden, Flowerbeds
Roses bloom vibrantly in May and October adding a dash of colour to the flowerbeds.



Handkerchief Tree
Blooms from end of April to beginning of May. The flowers, which resemble handkerchiefs hanging down, gradually grow longer.



Wild Flowers Path
Encounter wild grasses and flowers such as dogtooth violet and toad lily alongside a pleasantly winding garden path.



Pond
Plants growing in the pond include water lily, lotus and yellow pond lily. Plants growing around it include marsh marigold, lizard's tail, octopus legs, iris and bur-reed.

Garden Office
Home to the garden office as well as a plant advisory service and a library of plant-related books. Here you can get plant-related advice from our staff or browse books. Plant enquiries are also accepted by telephone (Japanese). There is also a lecture room where various exhibitions and lectures are held.