

Beech Forest in the Foothills of Mount Daisen

Mount Daisen boasts one of the largest beech forests in western Japan, and is also home to Mongolian oaks (*Quercus crispula*) and painted maple trees (*Acer pictum* subsp. *mono*), as well as shrubs like lindera (*Lindera umbellata*), redvein maple (*Acer rufinerve*), scarlet leaved viburnum (*Viburnum furcatum*), daphniphyllum (*Daphniphyllum macropodum* subsp. *humile*), and hydrangeas (*Hydrangea serrata* var. *yessoensis*). This species composition is unique in combining the characteristics of beech forests found on the Pacific Ocean with those of the Sea of Japan.