

Alpine Meadows at the Summit

The summit of Mt. Daisen is frequently blasted by powerful winter winds, which prevent snow from accumulating. As a result, the vegetation here is dominated by alpine meadows containing species such as Shikoku-furo geranium (*Geranium shikokianum*), Ezonoyoroi-gusa angelica (*Angelica sachalinensis*), Daisen-kisumire violet (*Viola brevistipulata* subsp. *minor*), Iwakagami acony bell (*Schizocodon (Shortia) soldanelloides*), and Higenogariyasu reed grass (*Calamagrostis longiseta*). In depressions and other areas where snowdrifts have a better chance of accumulating, flowers such as Nangoku-kugaiso veronica (*Veronicastrum japonicum* var. *australe*), Shimotsukeso meadowsweet (*Filipendula multijuga*) and Sarashina-shoma bugbane (*Cimicifuga (Actea) simplex*) bloom in early summer, splashing the slopes with colorful alpine flowers.