

Sandai Sugi (Third Generation Sugi)

In the constantly-regenerating forests of Yakushima, new trees arise from the remains of older moss-covered stumps. Sandai Sugi (Third Generation Sugi) is a rare case of three *sugi* trees growing on top of one another. When the first generation *yakusugi* fell after surviving for about 2000 years, a new one sprouted on top of it and reached the age of one thousand. When this second generation was cut down by loggers, a third generation *kosugi* arose, and is now just five hundred years old. Standing at 38.4 m high and with a circumference of 4.4 m, Sandai Sugi is the tallest tree of its kind on Yakushima and is found along the Jomon Sugi Trail.