

Early Summer Flowers

In mid- to late June, when the surrounding forests are bright green with fresh foliage, Japanese azaleas and false hellebore bloom in profusion. For a brief time, keyflower orchids, chickweed wintergreen, fringed galax, marsh tea and other early summer plants transform the usually subdued wetlands into colorful flower meadows. Even in the cold climate of Japan's northern Tohoku region, nature still paints a beautiful canvas.