

## **Summer**

During the hot summer months, the Kujukushima area can feel quite tropical. Many of the region's flowers bloom abundantly in the warm climate. Visitors to the islands can enjoy the deep-blue sea and sky and the cooling breezes from the ocean. This is the busiest time in the islands. The seashores, too, are alive with diverse and distinctive plant and animal life.

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### ***Kanoko Yuri Lily***

This glorious lily, sometimes called the Japan lily (although several other species are often given the same name), is the official flower of Sasebo. It is also known as the fawn lily, as the peach-colored petals speckled with red are said to resemble the spotted back of a young deer.

### ***Hibiscus hamabo***

*Hamabo*, a yellow hibiscus, announces the arrival of summer in Kujukushima. Like many species of hibiscus, the *hamabo* flower only lasts a single day—but another flower is ready to bloom after the first has withered. This bright plant blooms from mid-July to early August.

### ***Hamaomoto Giant Crinum Lily***

This lily (*Crinum asiaticum*) grows to a height of 1 meter. It blooms at night and has a very strong fragrance. Because its seeds are transported by ocean currents, the flower is found widely throughout the Kujukushima islands.