

Other Seasonal Highlights

Cherry and plum trees display their vibrant blossoms in the spring, along with several different rose species, tulips, and pastel-colored hydrangeas. A lush Japanese iris garden is nestled in the northeastern area of the park, containing over 700,000 individual plants surrounded by a thick forest often filled with birdsong.

During the summer, the park is full of flowers that thrive in the heat such as sunflowers, zinnias, and honeysuckles. Lotus flowers are in full bloom in ponds in the north of the park, where hardy butter daisies and cheerful marigolds dot the landscape.

Autumn is heralded by chrysanthemums, a flower that symbolizes the Japanese Emperor, and which is commonly used as a design motif. The impressive red spider lily garden is another autumn highlight.

Winter brings chillier weather; however, many species of flowers and plants can still be enjoyed. Native flowers such as *fukujuso*, a small yellow flower, and *robai*, known as Japanese allspice but toxic if eaten, flower during this period, as do bright pink and white camellia shrubs. The park is also adorned with festive lights both inside and outside.