

Flower Breeding Programs

A large part of Kamo Garden's business is its extensive flower breeding programs, which began in 1980. Since then, over 100 new flower varieties have been developed on site—mainly Japanese irises and hydrangeas, but also diamond lilies and primroses, among others. Japanese irises and hydrangeas grown at Kamo Garden are known for their high quality and are sold domestically and exported overseas. A significant proportion of the hydrangeas in Japan can be traced back to these gardens. Depending on the time of year, the greenhouse displays newly developed varieties, some of which have yet to even be named.

Fully developing a new variety to a condition in which it can be sold can take several years. Most of the new flowers are bred, registered, given names, and then made available for sale and export in the purpose-built nursery located a few hundred meters from the estate. Some of these flowers are also available for purchase in the gift shop for a limited period during May and June.