

## **The Garden of 100 Flowers**

The Garden of 100 Flowers contains thousands of different plant varieties from around the globe, despite its name. A long path meanders past the numerous flowerbeds and gardens, and each section is devoted to a specific type of plant. These include flowering annuals and biennials, a diversity of greenery such as ferns, conifers, succulents, and bamboo grasses, along with fruit trees, climbing plants, and many more.

One of the highlights of the garden is the Wollemi pine tree, often called the “Jurassic tree” in Japan. Originally known only by its fossil record, which dates back to around 200 million years ago, a few surviving trees of this rare species were discovered by accident in 1994. Only about a hundred trees are known to exist in the wild, all of which are in New South Wales, Australia. The Wollemi pine responds well to cloning, and the specimen brought to Japan was split into two parts, with one part given to Hamanako Garden Park, and the other to Tokyo Disneyland.