

❁ Features of Higo Sasanqua ❁

What makes it different from other sasanqua?

A big center with a single layer of petals

A single layer of large petals and a golden center make for a flower size of 5-15cm.

Some are even double layer or more

Up to 30-50 petals! The center can't even be seen!

❁ Colors of Higo Sasanqua ❁

Red

White

Pink

Bicolor



❁ How Many Subtypes Are There?

About 40 varieties.

Numerous shapes, sizes and color!

❁ History of the Higo Sasanqua ❁

Sasanqua was used as a raw material oil in the old days. It has the shortest history among Higo Rokka.

1756 Hosokawa Shigekata, feudal lord, encourages cultivation of sasanquas as medicinal plants at the Banji-en herb garden. Gradually began being cultivated for decorative purposes.

1865~ 1879 Yamasaki Sadatsugu, florist and general manager of Higo Iris Society, repeats seedling selection.

The famous Yamasaki-Ohnishiiki, also the first Higo Sasanqua flower, is created.

The process of selective breeding advances and new flower varieties are produced one after another.

1900 New varieties such as "Kikenjo", "Benibotan", "Ohzora", "Wakanoura" and "Hinotsukasa" are produced.

1902 Hanaren "Bankoh-Kai" group is formed and cultivation is preserved by its members.

1967 "Higo Sasanqua Society" is established.

The members have made efforts to preserve pure Higo Sasanqua!

Higo Sasanqua

Blooms November Through December



❁ The Yamasaki-Ohnishiiki is Representative of Higo Sasanqua

❁ What a fantastic bicolor gradation!

The petals have white centers, gradation of bright red toward edges and deep red undersides.

❁ Sasanqua is Native to Japan !

Grows naturally in Western Japan and also throughout Kumamoto Prefecture! Belongs to camellia genus, of the Theaceae family They're just like camellias?? ☹

❁ What is the Difference Between Sasanqua and Camellia?

Sasanqua

Bloom from October to February (autumn-winter). Sheds petals one by one, has rough-edged leaves with hairy undersides.

Camellia

Bloom from January to March (winter-spring). Sheds petals completely and has smooth-edged leaves with no hairy undersides.

❁ Let's Enjoy Higo Sasanqua! 2023

61st Higo Sasanqua Exhibition

Suizenji Jojuen Garden Exhibition Hall

Nov.18 (Sat) - 19 (Sun) 10:00-16:00

Flower Cutting and Pot Planting

Experience the joy of flowers and their aroma up close! Their branches are also magnificent!



Flowers in Full Bloom!

Kumamoto Prefectural General Sports Park

-Higo Sasanqua Street

Kumamoto City Zoo and Botanical Garden

-Higo Rokka Corner

Suizenji Jojuen

-Flowerbed in front of main gate torii

Relaxation square

Beside Yabusame ground

Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo



❁ Higo Sasanqua Society ❁

Promoting the cultivation, preservation, improvement and dissemination of purebred flowers.
Now accepting applicants!

November: Higo Sasanqua Exhibition

Held every year since the society's founding!

*17 Members (one German member overseas)

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❁ Flower Features ❁

Big center (the pistil)
Single layer of petals
Clear color

Let's see what makes each flower distinct!

❁ Carrying on the Tradition ❁

Strong traditionalists in Kumamoto known as "Higo Mokkos" have carefully preserved the methods of cultivation, formation and appreciation of potted plants, flowerbeds and bonsai.

What a profound craft!

❁ History of Higo Rokka ❁

Beginning in the 1700s, The 6th Hosokawa Lord of the Domain, **Hosokawa Shigekata (1720-1785)** encouraged samurai in Kumamoto Domain to grow to practice self-discipline.

In the 1800s, during the reign of 10th-generation Hosokawa Narimori (1804-1860), the samurai formed groups called 'Hanaren' to establish new varieties of flowers and set rules to grow them.

Taking flowers and seeds out of the group was prohibited!

In 1960, six of these special varieties of flower were selected throughout the seasons for an exhibition that would be held in presence of the Emperor.

These six types of flower have been collectively called 'Higo Rokka' ever since.

❁ Precious Treasures of Kumamoto ❁

The six unique kinds of flowers cultivated by the samurai of the Higo Domain



Higo Chrysanthemum



Higo Sasanqua



Higo Morning Glory

Higo Rokka

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Sasanqua Season



Higo Camellia



Higo Iris



Higo Peony

Let's learn about Higo Rokka!

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We support preservation and cultivation of Higo Rokka!

Kumamoto City Team Tentomushi

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❁ Higo Rokka Blooming Calendar ❁

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		↔ From mid-February to the end of March									
		Higo Camellia ひごつばき									
		Can be found at the Zoological and botanical Gardens, Prefectural Athletic Park, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Country Park in Kumamoto and Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo									
		* Exhibition at Suizenji Jojuen Garden									
			↔ From late April through early May								
			Higo Peony ひごしゃくやく								
			Can be found at the Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Suizenji Jojuen Garden in Kumamoto, Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo and Kyuhoji Ryokuchi Park in Osaka								
			* Exhibition at Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Tsukahara Museum								
				↔ From late May through mid-June							
				Higo Iris ひごはなしょうぶ							
				Can be found at Shohinken garden, the Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Suizenji Jojuen Garden in Kumamoto and Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo							
				* Exhibition at Kumamoto Castle, Suizenji Jojuen Garden							
					↔ From July to September						
					Higo Morning Glory ひごあさがお						
					* Exhibition at Kumamoto Castle, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Aspecta, Kumamoto Shintoshin Plaza, Koraimon Gate						
							↔ From mid-November through early December				
							Higo Chrysanthemum ひごぎく				
							Can be found at Suizenji Jojuen Garden				
							* Exhibition at Kumamoto Castle, Kumamoto Shintoshin Plaza Former Residence of Hosokawa Gyobu, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo				
									↔ From November through December		
									Higo Sasanqua ひごさざんか		
									Can be found at the Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Prefectural Athletic Park in Kumamoto and Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo		
									* Exhibition at Suizenji Jojuen Garden		

❁ Higo Rokka are often used as designs in Kumamoto

A manhole cover with a Higo Camellia design→



❁ One of the Highlights of Kumamoto Flower Expo 2023

2023.10.28(Sat)-11.26(Sun)

Planned Exhibition "Higo Rokka" in Josaien Wakuwakuza is being held!