

🌸 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 5-15 cm.

Some even develop double or multiple layers

The center gets covered with up to 30-50 petals.

🌸 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 the six flowers of Higo.

- 1756 Feudal lord Hosokawa Shigekata encourages cultivation of sasanquas as medicinal plants at the Banji-en herb garden. From then on, it is gradually cultivated as an ornamental plant.
- 1865 Yamasaki Sadatsugu, florist and general manager of the Higo Iris Society, repeats seedling selection.
- ~1879 The famous Yamasaki-Onishiki, or 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", "Ozora", "Wakanora" and "Hinotsukasa" are produced.
- 1902 The Hanaren Banko-kai group is formed and flower cultivation is preserved by its members.
- 1967 The Higo Sasanqua Society is established.
The members are devoted to preserving the pure Higo Sasanqua.

Higo Sasanqua

Blooms November Through December



🌸 The Yamasaki-Onishiki is Representative of Higo Sasanqua 🌸

What a fantastic bicolor gradation!

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

🌸 Sasanqua is Native to Japan!

It grows naturally in Western Japan and also throughout Kumamoto Prefecture, and belonging to the camellia genus, of the Theaceae family it's actually a camellia. 🌿

🌸 What is the Different Between Sasanqua and Camellia?

Sasanqua

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

Camellia

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

🌸 Where to Enjoy Higo Sasanqua in 2024!

62nd Higo Sasanqua Exhibition (2024)

Suizenji Jojuen Garden Exhibition Hall

Nov. 23 (Sat) 10:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

24 (Sun) 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

Flower Cutting and Pot Planting

View the fragrant flowers up close!

The shape of 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 Garden

Flowerbed in front of main torii gate

Relaxation Square

Beside the yabusame grounds

Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo



🌸 Higo Sasanqua Society 🌸

Promoting the cultivation, preservation, improvement and dissemination of pure flowers

The association with 17 members (including one German member) is now accepting applicants!

The Higo Sasanqua Exhibition in November has been held every year since the society's founding!

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❀Center of the Flower!

Large center (the pistil)
Single layer of petals Clear color
Let's see what makes each flower distinct!

❀Precious Treasures of Kumamoto❀

The six varieties of traditional flowers unique to Kumamoto cultivated by the Higo samurai during the Edo period

❀Carrying on Tradition & Spirit!❀

The spirit of "*Higo mokkosu*" has preserved the methods of cultivation, formation, and appreciation of Potted Plants, Flowerbeds, & Bonsai
The profound world of Higo Rokka!

❀History of Higo Rokka❀

Beginning in the 1700s, The 6th Hosokawa Lord of the Kumamoto Domain, Hosokawa Shigekata (1720-1785) **encouraged clansmen to practice horticulture as a form of self-discipline.**

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

Taking flowers, seedlings, or seeds out of the group was prohibited!

In 1960, six flower varieties that could be enjoyed during all four seasons were selected for an exhibition held in the presence of the Emperor.

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



Higo
Chrysanthemum



Nov – Dec
Higo
Sasanqua



Higo
Morning Glory



Higo
Camellia



Higo Iris



Higo Peony

Did you know?
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Let's Learn More About Higo Rokka!

Created by **Meisters of Greening in Kumamoto City**
Team てんとうむし(Ladybug)

We support the preservation, inheritance, and development of the Higo Rokka!

Kumamoto City Team Tentomushi

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❀Let's See the Higo Rokka! Blooming Calendar

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<p>From mid-February to the end of March</p> <p>Higo Camellia ひごつばき</p> <p>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</p> <p>* Exhibition at Zoological and Botanical Garden</p>											
<p>From late April through early May</p> <p>Higo Peony ひごしゃくやく</p> <p>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</p> <p>* Exhibition at Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Tsukawara Museum</p>											
<p>From late May through mid-June</p> <p>Higo Iris ひごはなしょうぶ</p> <p>Can be found at Shohinken garden, the Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Suizenji Jojuen Garden in Kumamoto and Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo</p> <p>* Exhibition at Kumamoto Castle</p>											
<p>From July to September</p> <p>Higo Morning Glory ひごあさがお</p> <p>* Exhibition at Kumamoto Castle, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Koraimon Gate and Kumamoto City International Center</p>											
<p>From mid-November through early December</p> <p>Higo Chrysanthemum ひごぎく</p> <p>Can be found at Suizenji Jojuen Garden</p> <p>* Exhibition at Kumamoto Castle and Suizenji Jojuen Garden</p>											
<p>From November through December</p> <p>Higo Sasanqua ひござんか</p> <p>Can be found at the Zoological and Botanical Gardens, Suizenji Jojuen Garden, Prefectural Athletic Park in Kumamoto and Higo Hosokawa Garden in Tokyo</p> <p>* Exhibition at Suizenji Jojuen Garden</p>											

*Exhibition dates and locations are subject to change or may be cancelled.

*Entry to the Higo *Meika-en* (Flower Garden) at Kumamoto Castle's Takenomaru is prohibited post-Kumamoto Earthquake. The Rokka are observable at the exhibitions within the castle.



❀ Used in a Variety of Designs Too!

Manhole: Higo Camellia
(Kumamoto City Waterworks and Sewage Bureau)