



# Kaleidoscope

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## Let's Enjoy Spring in Meguro Sakura Spots & Spring Flowers

When spring comes around, not only cherry blossoms but also many other flowers come out to show the joy of spring. Why don't you go out to find the spring flowers in your neighborhood?

The nature in Meguro has been preserved due to the fact that lots of old temples, shrines, and former Shogun's hunting grounds dating back to Edo era still retains greenery.



### Sakura Spots

Local people have enjoyed cherry blossoms not only along Meguro Riverside but also in many other places since old times.

#### 1. Nishikoyama & Himonya Area



The walkway of the famous and historical Himonya Hachiman Shrine is lined up with cherry trees and continues for 800 m towards Nishikoyama Station, making it a cherry blossom tunnel. It is often crowded in cherry blossom season.

#### 2. Ikejiri Ohashi / Sugekari Area



Sugekari Park was formerly the site of the residence of late Tsugumichi Saigo, the younger brother of Takamori Saigo, a key figure in the Meiji Restoration. The park has a traditional Japanese garden with beautiful cherry trees. A monument in honor of Emperor Meiji's visit stands in front of the gate.

#### 3. Komaba Area

Both Komabano Park and Komaba Park, famous cherry blossom viewing spots, are about 8-minute walk from Komaba-Todaimae Station; the former is located in the north, while the latter located in the north. Komaba Park is the site of former Lord Maeda's residence. There are spectacular cherry trees that welcome you as you enter the front of the old western building. Komabano Park used to be the site of Komaba Agricultural School, which was founded in the Meiji Era. There still remain paddy fields designed by Dr.Oskar Kellner, surrounded by cherry trees that blossom beautifully in spring.



### Spring Flowers

In spring, we are delighted to view not only cherry blossoms but also many other lovely flowers. Why don't you discover spring flowers around your neighborhood?



**Hakumokuren**  
(white magnolia)

In early spring, these big white flowers bloom all over tall trees with a sweet fragrance.



**Tachitsubosumire**  
(violet)

The lovely pale violet-colored small flowers grow in clusters in the mountains or in the forests. You can find these small elegant flowers on the university campus and large parks.



**Rengeso**  
(Chinese milk vetch)

These little small pink flowers blanket the rice field. Because the plant contains nitrogenous nutrients at its roots, it is planted as natural fertilizer in paddy fields.