



Camellia Gallery

**NONOICHI**

**TSUBAKI KAN**

**&**

**TSUBAKI YAMA**

Guidebook



Nonoichi City  
City of Tsubaki



# Tsubaki

Theaceae, Camellia

Botanical Name: Camellia Japonica

The "Tsubaki" kanji is made from the characters for "tree" and "spring". It is an evergreen tree that indicates the coming of spring and which is representative of Japan. In home gardens, the world of Wabi Sabi is sometimes represented by the rustic and firmly traditional appearance of the camellia. However, it is now grown in many countries all over the world.

Also, the season the camellia blooms differs greatly depending on the variety. It is said that flowering trees can be enjoyed throughout all four seasons. This includes the late spring varieties that bloom from April to May and the autumn varieties that begin to bloom from September to October.

The charming and highly adaptable 'Tsubaki' grows in a wide variety of areas, from the sun to the shade. It is enjoyed as cut flowers and as part of a tea ceremony, but also simply as garden trees or potted plants.



## Owari goshiki tsubaki

Color: Variegated flowering  
Shape: Single • tube bloom  
Size: Medium flowered  
Blooming: November - April

During Tokugawa's reign as Shogun (17<sup>th</sup> C), the camellia "Tokugawa Goten Tsubaki" was used during tea ceremonies in Nagoya castle. It is also called "Nanabake Tsubaki" because one tree can produce flowers with varying colors.

## Nonoichi

Color: Very pale pink color  
Shape: Single, tube- trumpet bloom  
Size: Medium flowered  
Blooming: October- April

Blooming in the heart of Nonoichi City, Ishikawa Prefecture, its appearance is a beautiful and very pale salmon pink, a color called Toki. The dignified appearance of the flower contains a certain amount of tension, yet there is a calmness and neatness present.



## Tama no ura

Color: Dark red- White edge  
Shape: Single • tube bloom- trumpet bloom  
Size: Medium flowered  
Blooming: February - April

This is a famous flower of Nagasaki prefecture's Goto Islands with origins in Tamanoura, spreading from Japan to the world. It has a rare contrast between the rich red and pure white at the end of its petals. Many people come to love this attractive shape of the camellia tree.

## Otome tsubaki

It is an old-fashioned variety characterized by a refreshing peach color and petals that overlap several times. It is popular with women both in Japan and abroad. Its design was used by the famous brand Chanel.

Color: Pale peach  
Shape: Flowers with many petal overlapping  
Size: Medium flowered  
Blooming: December - April

## Goshiki yae chiri tsubaki

Color: Variegated flowering  
Shape: Eightfold - hugging petals bloom  
Size: Medium flowered  
Blooming: March - May

These originated in Toyotomi Hideyoshi's Kyoto City Jizoin (Tsubaki-dera). The Shogun loved the very rare way the camellia petals scatter one by one. In fact, "Chiritsubaki" means "camellia that scatters petals".







## NONOICHI TSUBAKI KAN

In addition to the Nonoichi species, approximately 700 carefully selected camellia, from about 300 varieties of Japanese and foreign species are on display. Inside, a tree name board gives information on the camellia exhibited including the category name, flower color, shape, size, flowering season, production area, features, and flowering photos. Here we can enjoy camellia grown nationwide by camellia enthusiasts.



Relaxation space surrounded by camellia



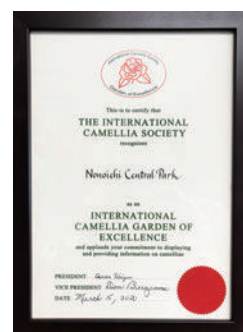
A water pot of colorful camellia



Adjacent camellia cultivation facility

## International Camellia Garden of Excellence

The “International Camellia Garden of Excellence” is an outstanding camellia garden designated by the International Camellia Society. Nonoichi Central Park is a renowned camellia site that is visited by camellia lovers from all over the country. It was designated as an “International Camellia Garden of Excellence” in 2020. It was the 9th such designation in Japan, and the first on Honshu, the country’s main island.







## TSUBAKI YAMA



Hatsune

Shokô

There are small manmade hills in the southwest corner of Nonoichi central park. On these, many camellia bloom alongside the garden paths. There are about 200 varieties and about 800 camellias, with both foreign and Japanese species, including the Nonoichi species. Enjoy viewing them all in one place, including on the north slope of TSUBAKI YAMA. Also from the top of the hill, if the weather is good, the sacred Hakusan mountain can be seen. The city has installed Hakusan View Spot signs and benches.



Tsubakiyama guide signboard



Kaga hassaku

Top of Tsubakiyama



A wide variety of camellia bloom along the in garden path.



View of Hakusan from the summit "Hakusan View Spot"







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## The Ten Virtues of Nonoichi Tsubaki. All in Harmony.

Many established camellia can be found in our city. The Kaga guardian Togashi Masachika set up a base in Nonoichi during the Muromachi period. (1336-1573)

He built Kaga with his homeland of Kyoto in mind, and named some towns near Nonoichi Fushimi, Yamashina, and Takao. When the area was reorganized he transplanted camellia trees from Kyoto.

There are 10 meanings of Tsubaki: **eternal youth, virtue, matching, humility, cleanness, dignity, evergreen, integrity, service, and welfare.**

These are called "TSUBAKI NO JUTTOKU" (10 Virtues of the Camellia).

The word "toku" has the meaning of virtue which is gained from character-building. It is said that camellia is appreciated for the total beauty of its flowers, leaves, and branches.

The city of Nonoichi strives to represent the camellia's perfect synthesis by considering their flowers to be the residents of the city, their leaves its physical environment, and their branches the sharing of knowledge and information within.

### TSUBAKI NO JUTTOKU (10 Virtues of the Camellia)



Seiôbo

Princess Masako

#### 1. Eternal Youth

It does not appear old even after many years have passed.

#### 2. Virtue

Leaves do not fall so the area under the tree remains clean.

#### 3. Matching

It is easy to graft and make new kinds of flowers.

#### 4. Humility

The humble flower in the shadows will be transplanted to a garden.

#### 5. Cleanness

Grows well in good land and clean water.

#### 6. Dignity

The virtue of always being proud.

#### 7. Evergreen

The rich green color is always shining.

#### 8. Integrity

Not withering under the frost, the flower buds continue to grow in preparation for Spring.

#### 9. Service

Flowers bloom each year thanks to the dedicated service of the growers.

#### 10. Welfare

Camellia has many uses. It's seeds can become oil for lighting a lamp, cooking oil, or an ointment for the skin, and its tree for firewood, charcoal, and lumber for making furniture and daily necessities.



# Nonoichi Central Park



## Access



## Contact

Nonoichi Central Park  
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