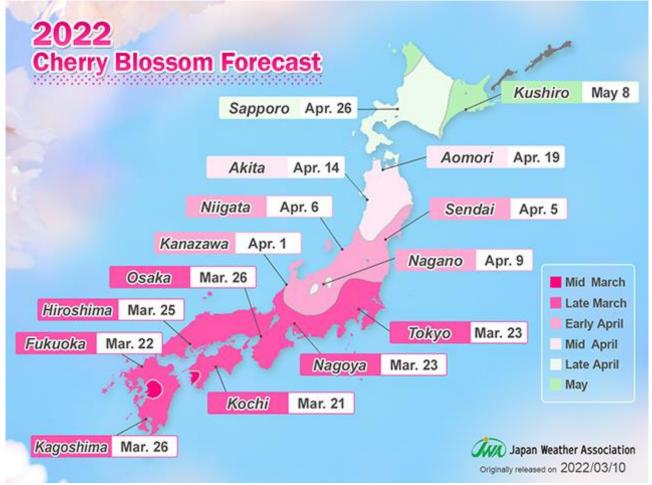
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2022 Cherry Blossom Forecast (Part 3): <u>First Blossoms to Expect on March 20th in Kumamoto and Ehime.</u>

On Thursday, March 10th, 2022, Japan Weather Association (JWA) announced the forecast of the dates when cherry blossoms will bloom at 89 locations throughout Japan.

Blossom Forecast Map





Forecasted Blossom Date (Main Locations)

Prefecture	City	Forecasted Bloom Date	Trend of Forecasted Bloom Date
Kagoshima	Kagoshima	26-Mar	Normal
Fukuoka	Fukuoka	22-Mar	Normal
Kochi	Kochi	21-Mar	Normal
Hiroshima	Hiroshima	25-Mar	Normal
Osaka	Osaka	26-Mar	Normal
Aichi	Nagoya	23-Mar	Normal
Tokyo	Chiyoda-ku	23-Mar	Normal
Nagano	Nagano	9-Apr	Normal
Niigata	Niigata	6-Apr	Normal
lshikawa	Kanazawa	1-Apr	Normal
Miyagi	Sendai	5-Apr	Early
Akita	Akita	14-Apr	Early
Aomori	Aomori	19-Apr	Early
Hokkaido	Sapporo	26-Apr	Early
	Kushiro	8-May	Fairly Early



Forecasted Full Bloom Date (Main Locations)

Prefecture	City	Forecasted Full Bloom Date	Trend of Forecasted Full Bloom Date
Kagoshima	Kagoshima	4-Apr	Normal
Fukuoka	Fukuoka	31-Mar	Normal
Kochi	Kochi	29-Mar	Normal
Hiroshima	Hiroshima	31-Mar	Early
Osaka	Osaka	2-Apr	Normal
Aichi	Nagoya	30-Mar	Early
Tokyo	Chiyoda-ku	29-Mar	Normal
Nagano	Nagano	13-Apr	Early
Niigata	Niigata	11-Apr	Normal
Ishikawa	Kanazawa	6-Apr	Normal
Miyagi	Sendai	8-Apr	Early
Akita	Akita	19-Apr	Early
Aomori	Aomori	22-Apr	Early
Hokkaido	Sapporo	29-Apr	Fairly Early
	Kushiro	10-May	Fairly Early

[Explanation of Terms]

Normal	: The average for 1991–2020
Fairly early	: At least 7 days earlier than normal
Early	: 3 to 6 days earlier than normal
Nearly Normal	: Within 2 days of normal
Late	: 3 to 6 days later than normal
Fairly late	: At least 7 days later than normal

Blossom Trends

The earliest blooms will likely be in Kumamoto and Uwajima-shi (Ehime) on March 20th. The blossoms are expected on 21st in Kochi, on 22nd in Fukuoka and Shizuoka, and on 23rd in Tokyo.

By the end of March, blossoms will likely occur in a wide area from western to eastern Japan. In Hokuriku area, Nagano, and Tohoku area, cherry blossoms will likely bloom from early to mid-April.

The cherry blossom front will arrive Hokkaido in late April. Blossoms will occur in Hakodate on April 25th, and Sapporo on 26th.

Full bloom date will likely be normal from Kyushu to Kanto Koshin area in late March. In Tokyo, the full blooms are expected to start on March 29th. It will be earlier than usual in Hokuriku and Tohoku area. In Hokkaido, the full bloom date will likely be 10 days earlier than usual and expected from late April to early May.



The forecasted blossom dates for cherry trees in all 89 locations are available on the cherry blossom forecast page (<u>https://tenki.jp/sakura/expectation/</u>) of "tenki.jp," the weather forecast media operated by Japan Weather Association (Japanese only).

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