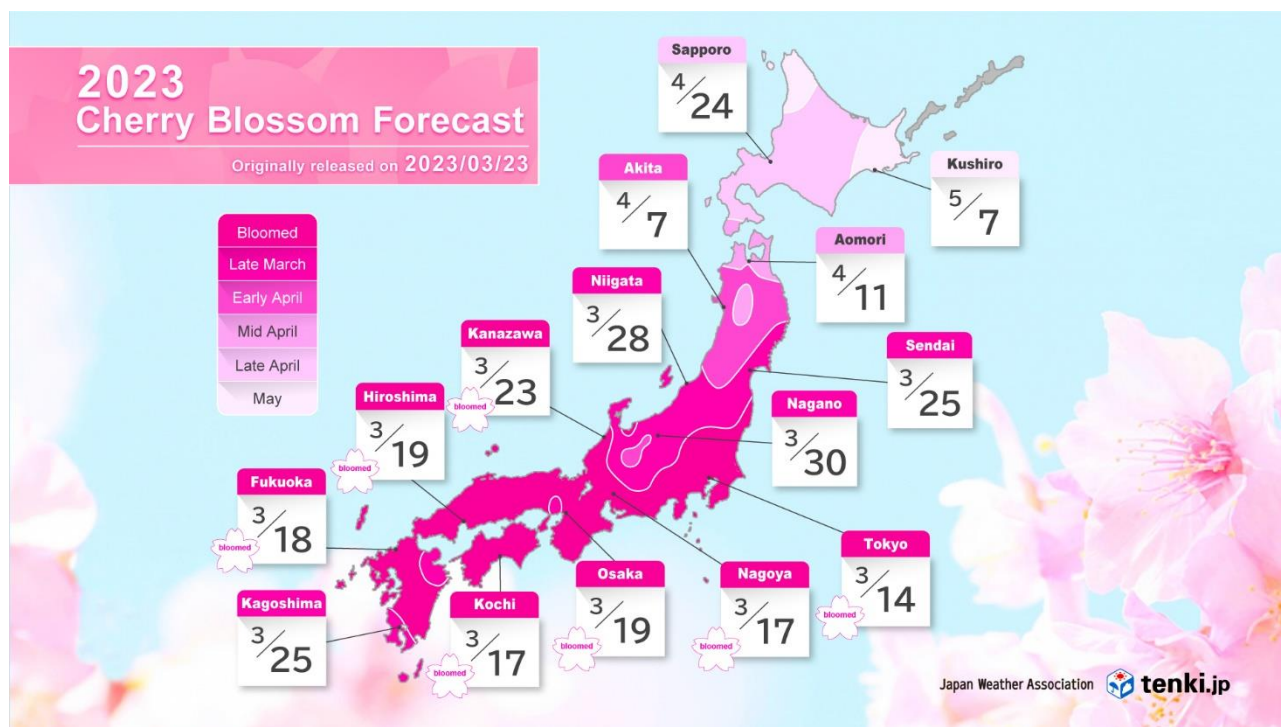


2023 Cherry Blossom Forecast (Part 4) : The Earliest Blooms On Record In Many Areas

On Thursday, March 23rd, 2023, Japan Weather Association (JWA) announced the forecast of the dates when cherry blossoms will bloom at 84 locations throughout Japan.

Blossom Forecast Map



Forecasted Blossom Date (Main Locations)

Prefecture	City	Forecasted Bloom Date	Trend of Forecasted Bloom Date
Kagoshima	Kagoshima	March 25 th	Normal
Fukuoka	Fukuoka	March 18 th * Bloomed	Early
Kochi	Kochi	March 17 th * Bloomed	Early
Hiroshima	Hiroshima	March 19 th * Bloomed	Early
Osaka	Osaka	March 19 th * Bloomed	Fairly Early
Aichi	Nagoya	March 17 th * Bloomed	Fairly Early
Tokyo	Chiyoda-Ku	March 14 th * Bloomed	Fairly Early
Nagano	Nagano	March 30 th	Fairly Early
Niigata	Niigata	March 28 th	Fairly Early
Ishikawa	Kanazawa	March 23 rd * Bloomed	Fairly Early
Miyagi	Sendai	March 25 th	Fairly Early
Akita	Akita	April 7 th	Fairly Early
Aomori	Aomori	April 11 th	Fairly Early
Hokkaido	Sapporo	April 24 th	Fairly Early
	Kushiro	May 7 th	Fairly Early

Forecasted Full Bloom Date (Main Locations)

Prefecture	City	Forecasted Full Bloom Date	Trend of Forecasted Full Bloom Date
Kagoshima	Kagoshima	April 3 rd	Normal
Fukuoka	Fukuoka	March 27 th	Early
Kochi	Kochi	March 25 th	Early
Hiroshima	Hiroshima	March 28 th	Early
Osaka	Osaka	March 28 th	Fairly Early
Aichi	Nagoya	March 27 th	Early
Tokyo	Chiyoda-Ku	March 22 nd *Full Bloom	Fairly Early
Nagano	Nagano	April 5 th	Fairly Early
Niigata	Niigata	April 1 st	Fairly Early
Ishikawa	Kanazawa	March 28 th	Fairly Early
Miyagi	Sendai	March 31 st	Fairly Early
Akita	Akita	April 14 th	Fairly Early
Aomori	Aomori	April 16 th	Fairly Early
Hokkaido	Sapporo	April 27 th	Fairly Early
	Kushiro	May 11 th	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

Cherry Blossom Buds

	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sample Tree in Tokyo</u> (Photo on March 22nd)</p> <p>Fully bloomed on 22nd. It is 9 days earlier than normal years.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sample Tree in Toyama</u> (Photo on March 22nd)</p> <p>Bloomed on 22nd. It is the earliest bloom since the start of blooming observation.</p>

Bloom Trends

This year the blossoms have started in Tokyo on March 14th. It is observed that the bloom dates are nearly the earliest bloom since the start of blooming observation in many areas.

On March 22nd in Tokyo, the cherry blossoms were in full bloom. This makes Tokyo the top blooming city in Japan in terms of both blooming and full blossoms. Full blossoms were also observed in Uwajima on March



22nd and in Gifu on 23rd. Although it is expected to have bad weather across the country this weekend, higher temperatures are forecasted to continue and both blooming and full blooming are likely to continue earlier than normal years. Many areas west of Kanto will be in full bloom by the end of March.

The earliest blooms on record will likely to occur in Sendai on March 25th, in Niigata on 28th, and in Aomori on April 11th. In most locations of Hokuriku and Tohoku, the blooms are expected to start 10 days or more earlier than normal. In the second half of April, flowering will finally begin in Hokkaido. It is expected in Hakodate on 22nd, and in Sapporo on 24th.

JWA's Cherry Blossom Forecast

For more detailed information about JWA's Cherry Blossom Forecast, please find the link below:
<https://www.jwa.or.jp/english/service/seasonal-news-cherry-blossom-forecast/>

Cherry Blossom Forecast Information in tenki.jp

The forecasted blossom dates for cherry trees in all 84 locations are available on the cherry blossom forecast page (<https://tenki.jp/sakura/expectation/>) of "tenki.jp," the weather forecast media operated by JWA (Japanese only).

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