



## Hokkaido Nature Tours

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**Name:** Sakhalin Fir  
(*Todomatsu*)

**Type:** Evergreen  
Conifer

**Bark:** Grayish-brown

**Size:** Height 20-25m

**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:**  
Popular for construction  
and pulp materials



**Name:** Ezo Spruce  
(*Ezomatsu*)

**Type:** Evergreen  
Conifer

**Bark:** Dark brown

**Size:** Height 40m /  
Circumference 2m

**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Used  
as Christmas trees



**Name:** Sakhalin/Glehn's  
Spruce (*Aka Ezomatsu*)

**Type:** Evergreen Conifer

**Bark:** Dark brown

**Size:** Height 40m /  
Circumference 1m

**Where in Hokkaido:**  
Eastern & Northern regions

**Interesting Fact:** Flowers  
blossoms on the top part  
only so they're difficult to  
see



**Name:** Japanese Oak /  
*Quercus Crispula* Blume  
(*Mizunara*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Dark brown

**Size:** Height 25-35m /  
Circumference 1.5m

**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Used  
for barrels for aging  
Japanese whiskey



**Name:** Monarch Birch  
(*Udaikaba*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Flaking gray

**Size:** Height 25-30m /  
Circumference 1m

**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:**  
Contains oil, burns  
easily, valuable as  
timber & plywood



**Name:** Linden / Japanese  
Lime / *Tilia Japonica*  
Simonkai (*Shinanoki*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Ash brown

**Size:** Height 20m /  
Circumference 1m

**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Flowers &  
fruit used for medicinal  
purposes, bark for linen &  
rope substitutes



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**Name:** Japanese Pagoda Tree (*Enjyu*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Light brown & cream

**Size:** Height 20-25m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Used for carving, furniture, musical instruments



**Name:** Katsura Tree (*Katsura*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Light brown

**Size:** Height 30m / Circumference 2m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Leaves have a good scent



**Name:** Rowan / Mountain Ash (*Nanakamado*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Light brown

**Size:** Height 3-12m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Hard to burn (name translated to "burn 7 times in a furnace, but still remains", berries remain on tree after foliage)



**Name:** White / Silver Birch (*Shirakaba*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** White

**Size:** Height 25m / Circumference .5-1m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Facts:** Ainu drank the sap's juice as medicine



**Name:** Erman's Birch (*Dakekanba*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Grayish-white

**Size:** Height 25m / Circumference .5-1m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Bark often peels off in sheets and/or shreds



**Name:** Japanese Horse Chestnut (*Tochinoki*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Gray to greenish gray

**Size:** Height 30m / Circumference 2m

**Where in Hokkaido:** Southwestern Hokkaido

**Interesting Fact:** Can be used medicinally for stomach & eyes

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**Name:** Painted Maple  
(*Itaya Kaede*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Pale reddish-brown

**Size:** Height 25m /  
Circumference 2m



**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Used  
for musical  
instruments, furniture



**Name:** Manchurian Ash  
(*Yachidamo*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Dust color

**Size:** Height 30m /  
Circumference 1m



**Where in Hokkaido:** All  
regions

**Interesting Fact:** Used in  
construction



**Name:** Sargent Cherry  
(*Ezo Yama Zakura*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Purple brown

**Size:** Height 30m/  
Circumference 1-1.5m



**Where in Hokkaido:** All  
regions

**Interesting Fact:** Pink  
blossoms appear in May in  
Hokkaido



**Name:** Japanese  
Magnolia (*Kitakobushi*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Grey

**Size:** Height 20m /  
Circumference 40cm



**Where in Hokkaido:**  
All regions

**Interesting Fact:**  
Large pink and/or  
white flowers bloom  
in early spring



**Name:** Manchurian Elm /  
Cut-leaf Elm / Lobed Elm  
(*Ohyu*)

**Type:** Deciduous

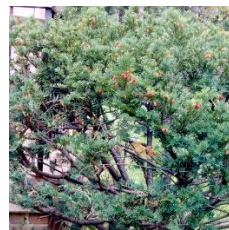
**Bark:** Light brown

**Size:** Height 25m /  
Circumference 1m



**Where in Hokkaido:** All  
regions

**Interesting Fact:** Bark is  
anti-inflammatory, can be  
used as incense & fibers,  
wood used in construction



**Name:** Japanese Yew (*Ichii*)

**Type:** Evergreen Conifer

**Bark:** Reddish brown

**Size:** Height 5-15m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All  
regions



**Interesting Fact:** Ainu used  
in making arrows & for  
woodcarving

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**Name:** Japanese Emperor (Daimyo) Oak (*Kashiwa*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Grayish brown or blackish brown

**Size:** Height 15-20m

**Where in Hokkaido:** Northern & Eastern Hokkaido

**Interesting Fact:** Leaves can be used for cooking



**Name:** Japanese Poplar (*Doronoki / Popura*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Gray

**Size:** Height 30-40m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Fact:** Often used as a windbreak, wood can be used for making matches, boxes or pulp



**Name:** Alder (*Hannoki*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Purple brown

**Size:** Height 30m / Circumference 1.5-2m

**Where in Hokkaido:** All regions

**Interesting Fact:** In the same tree family as birch, wood is good for smoking seafood, furniture making



**Name:** Siebold's Beech (*Buna*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Light gray & smooth

**Size:** Height 35m

**Where in Hokkaido:** Southern, Central & Eastern

**Interesting Fact:** Leaves turn dark green as seasons progress



**Name:** Acacia / Mimosa (*Akashia*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Reddish brown

**Size:** Height 15-20m

**Where in Hokkaido:** Southern & Central

**Interesting Fact:** Plentiful white flowers in late spring with strong pleasant smell; other types have yellow flowers; over 1,200 varieties worldwide



**Name:** Ginkgo (*Ichou*)

**Type:** Deciduous

**Bark:** Reddish brown

**Size:** Height 25-30m

**Where in Hokkaido:** Not native but commonly planted in parks & streets

**Interesting Fact:** Brilliant yellow-orange colors in fall; Hokkudai Univ. has a famous Ginkgo Avenue; nuts are edible



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