

Inventory of Historic Gardens in Japan

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There are no legally mandated or officially compiled inventories of historic gardens in Japan, although there were some efforts by scholars and historic garden admirers to list historic Japanese gardens.

As a most comprehensive and up-to-date inventory of historic gardens, the list of Japanese gardens designated as Places of Scenic Beauty is introduced here. The list in question is prepared by the Monuments and Sites Division of the Agency for Cultural Affairs of the Government of Japan for the convenience of its own duty. As such, the list has its limitations which need to be fully kept in mind:

- The list is not the comprehensive list of Japanese gardens.
It only lists Japanese “parks or gardens” that “are essential components of the beauty of Japan” that are designated and protected as Places of Scenic Beauty under the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties.
For example, the archaeological remains of historic Japanese gardens that are only designated as Historic Sites (another category of Cultural Properties in Japan) are not listed. Imperial Gardens that are the property of the national government are customarily excluded from the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties and therefore not listed.
- The list is descriptive in that it only lists those Japanese gardens that are designated as Places of Scenic Beauty under the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties.
The list should *not* be taken as anything similar to the “World Heritage List” or its “tentative list” that can indicate that those on the list are superior to those that are not on the list.

The historic gardens that are not on the list but are of outstanding historical value include, *inter alia*, Katsurariyû, Shûgakuinrikyû and Sentogosho.

List of Historic Japanese Gardens Designated as Places of Scenic Beauty
(as of 26 January 2006)

No.	Location (Prefecture)	Name of the Garden (as designated in Japanese) ¹	Type of Designation	Date of Designation (YYYY/MM/DD)	Date of Designation as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty or a Special Historic Site	Criteria	World Heritage Status
1	Hokkaido	KYŪWAFUNESHI-TEIEN (KÔSETSUEN)	B	2001.08.13.		B1	
2	Aomori	SĒBIEN	B	1953.03.31.		B1	
3		(2) ZUIRAKUEN	B	1979.05.31.		B1	
4		(3) SEIDÔSHI SHOIN-TEIEN	B	1979.08.07.		B1	
5		(4) KANEHIRANARIEN (SAWANARIEN)	B	2006.01.26.		B1	
6	Iwate	MÔTSŪJI-TEIEN	B'	1957.11.12.	1959.05.23. (B')	B1	
7	(2)	KYŪKANJIZAIÔIN-TEIEN	B	2005.03.02.		B1	
8	Miyagi	KYŪYŪBIKAN OYOBI TEIEN	A, B	1933.02.28.		A4, B1	
9		(2) SAITÔSHI-TEIEN	B	2005.07.14.		B1	
10	Akita	IKEDASHI-TEIEN	B	2004.02.27.		B1	
11	Yamagata	SAKAISHI-TEIEN	B	1976.12.27.		B1	
12		(2) GYOKUSENJI-TEIEN	B	1987.08.01.		B1	
13		(3) SOKÔJI-TEIEN	B	1996.03.29.		B1	
14	Fukushima	NANKOKÔEN	A, B	1924.12.09.		A8, B1	
15		(2) AIZUMATSUDAIRASHI-TEIEN	B	1932.10.19.		B1	
16	Ibaraki	TOKIWA-KÔEN	A, B	1922.03.08.		A8, B1	
17	Gunma	RAKUSAN-EN	B	2000.03.30.		B1	
18	Chiba	TAKANASHISHI-TEIEN	B	2001.08.13.		B1	
19	Tokyo	KOISHIKAWAKÔRAKUEN	A', B'	1923.03.07.	1952.03.29. (A', B')	A8, B1	
20		(2) RIKUGIEN	B'	1940.08.30.	1953.03.31. (B')	B1	
21		(3) KYŪHAMARIKYŪ-TEIEN	B', A'	1948.12.18.	1952.11.22. (B', A')	B1, A2, A8	
22		(4) MUKÔJIMAHYAKKAEN	B, A	1978.10.13.		B1, A8	
23		(5) KYŪSHIBARIKYŪ-TEIEN	B	1979.06.25.		B1	
24		(6) KYŪFURUKAWASHI-TEIEN	B	2006.01.26.		B1	

¹ *Teien* and *En* mean garden(s) in Japanese. The alphabetical representation of Japanese pronunciation is based upon the Hepburn organization system; it should be noted that there is no established rule of hyphenation in alphabetical representation of Japanese pronunciation.

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25	Kanagawa	KENCHÔJI-TEIEN	B, A	1932.07.23.		B1, A8	
26	(2)	ENKAKUJI-TEIEN	B, A	1932.07.23.		B1, A8	
27	(3)	ZUIRAKUJI-TEIEN	B	1972.11.08.		B1	
28	Niigata	TEIKAN-EN	B	1937.06.15.		B1	
29	(2)	WATANABESHI-TEIEN	B	1963.10.11.		B1	
30	(3)	KYÛSHIBATAHANSHIMOYASHIKI (SHIMIZUDANIGOTEN)-TEIEN OYOBIIJIMINOCHAYA-TEIEN	B	2003.08.27.		B1	
31	Ishikawa	KENROKUEN	B'	1922.03.08.	1985.03.20. (B')	B1	
32	(2)	NATADERAKURI-TEIEN	B	1929.04.02.		B1	
33	(3)	SEISONKAKU-TEIEN	B	1929.04.02.		B1	
34	(4)	KAMITOKIKUNISHI-TEIEN	B	2001.01.29.		B1	
35	(5)	TOKIKUNISHI-TEIEN	B	2001.01.29.		B1	
36	Fukui	TAKIDANJI-TEIEN	B	1929.12.17.		B1	
37	(2)	ICHIJÔDANIASAKURASHI-TEIEN	B'	1930.07.08.	1991.05.28. (B')	B1	
38	(3)	KYÛGENJÔIN-TEIEN	B	1930.10.03.		B1	
39	(4)	MANTOKUJI-TEIEN	B	1932.03.25.		B1	
40	(5)	SAIFUKUJISHOIN-TEIEN	B	1932.04.19.		B1	
41	(6)	ITÔSHI-TEIEN	B	1932.04.19.		B1	
42	(7)	SHIBATASHI-TEIEN	B	1932.04.19.		B1	
43	(8)	JÔFUKUJI-TEIEN	B	1977.02.02.		B1	
44	(9)	UMEDASHI-TEIEN	B	1977.03.14.		B1	
45	(10)	YOKOKAN (KYÛSENSUIYASHIKI) - TEIEN	B	1982.07.26.		B1	
46	Yamanashi	ERINJI-TEIEN	B	1944.06.26.		B1	
47	(2)	KÔGAKUJI-TEIEN	B	1994.06.06.		B1	
48	Nagano	KÔZENJI-TEIEN	B	1967.05.10.		B1	
49	Gifu	EIHOJI-TEIEN	B	1969.04.12.		B1	
50	(2)	TÔSHIYAKATAATO-TEIEN	B	1987.06.13.		B1	
51	Shizuoka	SAIOKUJI-TEIEN	B, A	1936.09.03.		B1, A8	
52	(2)	SEIKENJI-TEIEN	B	1936.09.03.		B1	

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53	(3)	RINZAIJI-TEIEN	B	1936.09.03.		B1	
54	(4)	RYÔTANJI-TEIEN	B	1936.09.03.		B1	
55	Aichi	NAGOYAJÔ NINOMARU-TEIEN	B	1953.03.31.		B1	
56	Mie	KITABATAKESHIIYAKATAATO-TEIEN	B, A	1936.09.03.		B1, A8	
57	(2)	JÔNOKOSHISEKI	B, A	1993.10.29.		B1, A3, A1	
58	(3)	KYÛMOROTOSHI-TEIEN	B	2001.08.13.		B1	
59	(4)	MOROTOSHI-TEIEN	B	2002.12.19.		B1	
60	Shiga	EMMAN-IN-TEIEN	B, A	1934.12.28.		B1, A8	
61	(2)	KÔJÔIN-TEIEN	B, A	1934.12.28.		B1, A8	
62	(3)	ZEMPÔIN-TEIEN	B, A	1934.12.28.		B1, A8	
63	(4)	JÔSHINJI-TEIEN	B	1934.12.28.		B1	
64	(5)	DAITSÛJIGANZANKEN OYOBI RANTEI-TEIEN	B	1934.12.28.		B1	
65	(6)	SEIGANJI-TEIEN	B	1934.12.28.		B1	
66	(7)	KONOMIJAJINJASHAMUSHO-TEIEN	B	1934.12.28.		B1	
67	(8)	TAGAJINJAOKUSHOIN-TEIEN	B	1935.06.07.		B1	
68	(9)	KYÛSYÛRINJI-TEIEN	B	1935.12.24.		B1	
69	(10)	GENKYÛRAKURAKUEN	B	1951.06.09.		B1	
70	(11)	HYÔZUJINJA-TEIEN	B	1953.03.31.		B1	
71	(12)	FUKUDENJI-TEIEN	B	1974.11.26.		B1	
72	(13)	ISOMESHI-TEIEN	B	1981.06.11.		B1	
73	(14)	SAIMYÔJIHOMBÔ-TEIEN	B	1987.01.24.		B1	
74	(15)	KONGÔRINJIMYÔTÔIN-TEIEN	B	1990.08.04.		B1	
75	(16)	ENRYAKUJI SAKAMOTOSATOBÔ-TEIEN SÔGÔN-IN-TEIEN; HOSHAKUIN-TEIEN; SHIGAINMONZEKI-TEIEN; BUTSUJÔIN-TEIEN; KYÛBYAKUGÔIN; KYÛCHIKURIN-IN-TEIEN; RENGEIN-TEIEN; RITSUIN-TEIEN; JITSUZÔBÔ-TEIEN; and JYURYÔIN-TEIEN	B	1998.12.08.		B1	
76	(17)	ÔSUMISHI-TEIEN	B	2001.01.29.		B1	
77	(18)	KYÛHIKONEHAMMATSUBARAYASHIKI (OHAMAGOTEN)-TEIEN	B	2002.03.19.		B1	

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78	(19)	KEIUNKAN-TEIEN	B	2006.01.26.		B1		
79	Kyoto	BYÔDÔIN-TEIEN	A, B	1922.03.08.		A3, A8, B1	Kyoto	
80		(2)	OSAWAIKE TSUKETARI NAKOSONOTAKIATO	B	1922.03.08.		B1	
81		(3)	NANZEN-IN-TEIEN	A, B	1923.03.07.		A8, B1	
82		(4)	SAIHÔJI-TEIEN	A, B'	1923.03.07.	1952.03.29. (B')	A8, B1	Kyoto
83		(5)	TENRYÛJI-TEIEN	A, B'	1923.03.07.	1955.05.30. (B')	A8, B1	Kyoto
84		(6)	DAITOKUJIHÔJÔ-TEIEN	A, B'	1924.12.09.	1952.03.29. (B')	A8, B1	
85		(7)	SHINJUAN-TEIEN	A, B	1924.12.09.		A8, B1	
86		(8)	DAISEN-INSHOIN-TEIEN	A, B'	1924.12.09.	1952.03.29. (B')	A8, B1	
87		(9)	KOHÔAN-TEIEN	A, B	1924.12.09.		A8, B1	
88		(10)	RYÔANJIHÔJÔ-TEIEN	A, B'	1924.12.09.	1954.03.20. (B')	A8, B1	Kyoto
89		(11)	RÔKUONJI (KINKAKUJI) -TEIEN	A', B'	1925.10.08.	1956.07.19. (特史・特名)	A8, B1	Kyoto
90		(12)	JISHÔJI (GINKAKUJI)	A', B'	1925.10.08.	1952.03.29. (A', B')	A8, B1	Kyoto
91		(13)	DAIGOJISAMPÔIN-TEIEN	A', B'	1927.06.14.	1952.03.29. (A', B')	A8, B1	Kyoto
92		(14)	KÔDAIJI-TEIEN	A, B	1927.06.14.		A8, B1	
93		(15)	MYÔSHINJI-TEIEN	B, A	1931.07.31.		B1, A8	
94		(16)	GYOKUHÔIN-TEIEN	B, A	1931.07.31.		B1, A8	
95		(17)	TÔKAIANSHOIN-TEIEN	B, A	1931.07.31.		B1, A8	
96		(18)	REIUN-IN-TEIEN	B, A	1931.07.31.		B1, A8	
97		(19)	TAIZÔIN-TEIEN	B, A	1931.07.31.		B1, A8	
98		(20)	KEISHÛIN-TEIEN	B, A	1931.07.31.		B1, A8	
99		(21)	HONGANJIDAISHOIN-TEIEN	B', A	1934.12.28.	1955.03.24. (B')	B1, A8	Kyoto
100		(22)	SHÔSEIEN	B	1936.12.16.		B1	
101		(23)	NIJÔJÔNINOMARU-TEIEN	B'	1939.11.30.	1953.03.31. (B')	B1	Kyoto
102		(24)	KONCHIIN-TEIEN	B'	1943.02.19.	1954.03.20. (B')	B1	
103		(25)	JÔJUIN-TEIEN	B	1943.02.19.		B1	Kyoto

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104	(26)	CHISHAKUIN-TEIEN	B	1943.02.19.		B1	
105	(27)	SHÛON-AN-TEIEN	B	1951.06.09.		B1	
106	(28)	NANZENJIHÔJÔ-TEIEN	B	1951.06.09.		B1	
107	(29)	SEIFÛSÔ-TEIEN	B	1951.06.09.		B1	
108	(30)	MURIN-AN-TEIEN	B	1951.06.09.		B1	
109	(31)	ENTSÛJI-TEIEN	B	1954.03.20.		B1	
110	(32)	MANSHUINSHOIN-TEIEN	B	1954.03.20.		B1	
111	(33)	DAISEN-IN-TEIEN	B	1955.02.03.		B1	
112	(34)	RYÔANJI-TEIEN	B	1955.02.03.		B1	
113	(35)	FUSHIN-AN (OMOTESENKE)-TEIEN	B	1957.07.10.		B1	
114	(36)	KONNICHIAN (URASENKE)-TEIEN	B	1957.07.10.		B1	
115	(37)	ENNAN-TEIEN	B	1957.07.10.		B1	
116	(38)	JUKÔINTEIEN	B	1958.06.12.		B1	
117	(39)	TEKISUIEN	B	1958.06.12.		B1	
118	(40)	JORURJI-TEIEN	B', A	1965.11.12.	1985.01.18. (B')	B1, A8	
119	(41)	SHÔFUKUJI-TEIEN	B	1970.09.17.		B1	
120	(42)	HÔKONGÔINSELJONOTAKI TSUKETARI GOISAN	B'	1971.05.27.	1987.03.04. (B')	B1, B10	
121	(43)	KYÛENTOKUIN-TEIEN	B	1975.01.21.		B1	
122	(44)	HEIANJINGÛSHIN-EN	B	1975.12.10.		B1	
123	(45)	REITÔIN-TEIEN	B	1977.06.01.		B1	
124	(46)	HOMPÔJI-TEIEN	B	1986.06.16.		B1	
125	(47)	TAIRYÛSANSÔ-TEIEN	B	1988.12.24.		B1	
126	(48)	HAKUSASONSÔ-TEIEN	B	2003.08.27.		B1	
127	Osaka	RYÛSENI -TEIEN	B	1981.05.11.		B1	
128	(2)	FUMONJI-TEIEN	B	1981.08.28.		B1	
129	(3)	NANSÔJI-TEIEN	B	1983.03.29.		B1	
130	Hyogo	AN-YÔIN-TEIEN	B	1980.02.19.		B1	
131	(2)	TABUCHISHI-TEIEN	B	1987.05.25.		B1	
132	(3)	KYÛÔOKAJI-TEIEN	B	1989.09.22.		B1	

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133	(4)	KYŪAKŌJŌ-TEIEN HOMMARU-TEIEN and NINOMARU-TEIEN	B	2002.09.20.		B1	
134	Nara	TAIMADERANAKANOBŌ-TEIEN	B, A	1934.05.01.		B1, A8	
135	(2)	JIKŌIN-TEIEN	B, A	1934.12.28.		B1, A8	
136	(3)	KYUDAIJŌIN-TEIEN	B	1958.05.15.		B1	
137	(4)	ENJŌJI-TEIEN	B	1973.10.09.		B1	
138	(5)	ISUIEN	B	1975.12.10.		B1	
139	(6)	HEIJŌKYŌSAKYŌSANJŌNIBŌKYŪSEKI-TEIEN	A', B'	1978.10.27. (A) 1992.05.06. (B)	1978.10.27. (A') 1992.05.06. (B')	A2, A8, B1	Nara
140	(7)	HOKKEJI-TEIEN	B	2001.01.29.		B1	
141	(8)	ASUKAKYŌATOENCHI	A, B	2001.01.29.		B1	
142	Wakayama	NEGORŌJI-TEIEN	B	1958.05.15.		B1	
143	(2)	KOKAWADERA-TEIEN	B	1970.04.23.		B1	
144	(3)	TENTOKUIN-TEIEN	B	1970.06.26.		B1	
145	(4)	WAKAYAMAJŌNISHINOMARU-TEIEN (MOMIJIDANI-TEIEN)	B	1985.11.27.		B1	
146	(5)	YŌSUIEN	B	1989.12.08.		B1	
147	Tottori	KANNON-IN-TEIEN	B	1937.12.21.		B1	
148	(2)	OZAKISHI-TEIEN	B	1937.12.21.		B1	
149	(3)	FUKADASHI-TEIEN	B	2000.12.20.		B1	
150	Shimane	KANDEN-AN	A, B	1928.02.07.		A8, B1	
151	(2)	MAMPUKUJI-TEIEN	A, B	1928.03.28.		A8, B1	
152	(3)	IKŌJI-TEIEN	A, B	1928.03.28.		A8, B1	
153	(4)	KYŪHORISHI-TEIEN	B	2005.07.14.		B1	
154	Okayama	OKAYAMAKŌRAKUEN	B'	1922.03.08.	1952.11.22. (B')	B1	
155	(2)	RAIKYŪJI-TEIEN	B	1974.07.31.		B1	
156	(3)	KYŪTSUSHIMAHANBETTEI-TEIEN (SHŪRAKUEN)	B	2002.09.20.		B1	
157	Hiroshima	SHUKKEIEN	B	1940.07.12.		B1	
158	(2)	JŌDOJI-TEIEN	B	1977.05.07.		B1	
159	(3)	KYŪMANTOKUIN-TEIEN	B	2002.09.20.		B1	

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160	(4)	KIKKAWAMOTOHARUYAKATAATO-TEIEN	B	2002.09.20.		B1	
161	Yamaguchi	JÔEIJ-TEIEN	A, B	1926.02.24.		A8, B1	
162	(2)	SHÛRINJI-TEIEN	B	1983.02.07.		B1	
163	(3)	MÔRISHI-TEIEN	B	1996.03.29.		B1	
164	(4)	JÔTOKUJI -TEIEN	B	2000.12.27.		B1	
165	Tokushima	KYÛTOKUSHIMAJÔMOTEGOTEN-TEIEN	B	1941.12.13.		B1	
166	(2)	AWAKOKUBUNJI-TEIEN	B	2000.03.30.		B1	
167	Kagawa	RITSURINKÔEN	B'	1922.03.08.	1953.03.30. (B')	B1	
168	Ehime	TENSHAEN	B	1968.05.20.		B1	
169	(2)	HOKOKUJI-TEIEN	B	1975.10.16.		B1	
170	Kouchi	CHIKURINJI-TEIEN	B	2004.09.30.		B1	
171	Fukuoka	KYÛKAMEISHIBÔ-TEIEN	B	1928.02.07.		B1	
172	(2)	KIYOMIZUDERAHOMBÔ-TEIEN	B	1929.04.02.		B1	
173	(3)	TOJIMASHI-TEIEN	B	1978.08.25.		B1	
174	(4)	SHÔTÔEN	B	1978.08.25.		B1	
175	(5)	FUJIESHIGYORAKUEN	B	1978.09.18.		B1	
176	Saga	KUNEN-AN (KYÛTAMISHIBETTEI)-TEIEN	B	1995.02.21.		B1	
177	Nagasaki	KYÛENYÛJI-TEIEN	B	1976.12.27.		B1	
178	(2)	ISHIDAJÔGOTÔSHI-TEIEN	B	1991.11.16.		B1	
179	Kumamoto	SUIZENJIJÔSHUEN	B, A	1929.12.17.		B1, A8	
180	(2)	KYÛKUMAMOTOHAN-YATSUSHIROJÔSHUHAMA OCHAYA (SHÔHINKEN)-TEIEN	B	2002.12.19.		B1	
181	Miyazaki	MYÔKOKUJI-TEIEN	B	1933.04.13.		B1	
182	Kagoshima	SENGAN-EN TSUKETARI KEKURAOKARIYA-TEIEN	B	1958.05.15.		B1	
183	(2)	CHIRANFUMOTO-TEIEN	B	1981.02.23.		B1	
184	Okinawa	MIYARADONCHI-TEIEN	B	1972.05.15.		B1	
185	(2)	SHIKINAEN	B'	1976.01.30.	2000.03.30. (B')	B1	Ryûkyû
186	(3)	ISHIGAKISHI-TEIEN	B	1983.10.27.		B1	
187	(4)	IEDUNCHI-TEIEN	B	1986.06.16.		B1	

Notation to the List

Type of Designation

A: Historic Site

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Criteria

Historic Sites

include the following properties which are essential to appropriate understanding of the history of Japan and of scientific value in terms of scale, abundance of accompanying remains, etc.

- A1.** Shell mounds, sites of settlements, ancient tombs, etc.;
- A2.** Sites of palaces, sites of government seats, sites of forts or castles, sites of government buildings, sites of battle fields or other political sites;
- A3.** Sites of Buddhist temples, sites of Shinto shrines or other sites associable with religious activities and beliefs;
- A4.** Sites of schools, sites of research facilities, sites of cultural facilities or other educational, academic and cultural sites;
- A5.** Sites of medical facilities, sites of social welfare facilities and other sites associated with social and daily activities of human living;
- A6.** Sites of transportation or communication facilities, sites associated with natural disaster prevention facilities, sites of manufacturing facilities or other sites associable with economic and productive activities;
- A7.** Graves, tombs, or tombstones;
- A8.** Monumental dwelling houses, garden ponds, or other places of distinction; and
- A9.** Sites exhibiting exchange with foreign nations or peoples.

Special Historic Sites are Historic Sites which exhibit an especially high scientific value and represents a symbolic expression of the Japanese culture.

Places of Scenic Beauty

include the following natural or man-made properties which are essential components of the beauty of Japan and excellent in terms of scenic beauty, sight-seeing or scientific value (natural objects) or in terms of artistic or scientific value (man-made properties).

- B1.** Parks or gardens;
- B2.** Bridges or embankments;
- B3.** Places where plants or trees grow characterized by outstandingly beautiful flowers or autumn leaves ;
- B4.** Habitats of wildlife including birds, fish and insects;
- B5.** Rocks, stones or caves;
- B6.** Valleys, waterfalls, streams or deep pools;
- B7.** Ponds, lakes, wetlands, floating water plants or fountains;
- B8.** Sand dunes, sand bars, seacoasts or islands;
- B9.** Volcanoes or hot spas;
- B10.** Mountains, hills, highlands, lowlands or rivers;
- B11.** Viewpoints.

Special Places of Scenic Beauty are Places of Scenic Beauty which exhibit an especially high value.