Autumn Foliage at Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden

The Garden is home to a variety of trees that turn shades of red and yellow. Since the timing of the color change varies depending on the tree and location, you can enjoy the colors of autumn over an extended period. Here are some recommended trees and areas to enjoy the fall foliage, along with their peak viewing times.

●Best viewed from mid-November●

Avenue of London Planes(Formal Garden)

The leaves will turn yellow starting from the main gate (which is currently closed) If you'd like to take photos early, please head to the main gate side.



Tamukeyama maple (near the Tamamo Pond)

Two Tamukeyama trees have been planted on either side of the garden path. Their delicate leaves glisten in the light.





Japanese Zelkova (In front of Starbucks)

Tall trees turning a tea-brown hue. There are several zelkova trees near Starbucks. They're gradually painting the garden in autumn colors.



Tamukeyama Maple（MiddlePond）

At Tamukeyama Maple, we recommend taking under the trees to capture the movement of the branches and leaves.





Tips for Photographing Fall Foliage

It's best to photograph fall foliage against the light. When you spot some fall foliage, walk around it and look for an angle where light is streaming through. As the light passes through the leaves, the colors of the fall foliage will shine even more vividly.

Maple(Japanese Traditional Garden)

These are the maple trees planted along the edge of the upper pond. They're among the first to change color in this expansive garden. We recommend taking photos from the outer perimeter.



Tulip Tree(In front of Greenhouse)



Right next to the tulip tree stands a maidenhair tree; it is a spot where you can enjoy the changing colors over an expended period,as if the baton of autumun foliage is being passed from one tree to the next.

●Best viewing from late November●

Dawn redwood（Lower Pond）



If you look up from the area around the Imitation wooden bridge, you can see the canopy of the metasequoia trees through the gaps in the foliage.

Lombardy poplar（Lower Pond）

It creates a beautiful harmony of colors with the Dawn redwood planted in the background.





Maple(Middle Pond)
The autumn colors of the maple trees are reflected in the middle pond. When you look at the island from the bridge, it looks like a red tunnel.

Bald Cypress（Mother And Child Woods）

The feather-like leaves turn a tea-brown color. The sight of tea-brown fallen leaves piling up around the aerial roots is also a highlight.









Dawn redwood（In front of Greenhouse）



In addition to the area in front of the greenhouse, dawn redwoods can be seen in the “Mother and Child Woods,” next to the three Tulip trees, at the Kid’s Area, and near the lower pond. Their conical, brownish-red crowns captivate visitors

Maidenhain tree（In front of Greenhouse）

This is a popular photo spot where many people look forward to seeing the ginkgo trees turn yellow. You can also enjoy the golden carpet of leaves.



Japanese red maple（Near Management Office）



The colorful autumn foliage—in shades of red, orange, and yellow—is a major highlight. We also recommend taking photos with the fallen leaves as a backdrop.



Maidenhair tree&Maple（Near Shinjuku Gate）



This is a great spot to enjoy the combination of maidenhair tree and maple trees. Please enjoy the vibrant reds and yellows.

●Best viewing from early December●

Maple＆Dawn redwood（Lower Pond）

The ground, stained with fallen Dawn redwood leaves, and the autumn colors of the maple trees create a beautiful scene.



Maple(Maple Hill)

The towering maple trees turn shades of yellow, orange, and red, making the entire mountain look as if it were ablaze with beauty. This area marks the grand finale of the fall foliage season at Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden.



Maple(Kids Area)

This is an area where tall, straight maple trees have grown and are now changing color. Their beautiful hues stand out even from a distance.



Maple(Japanese Traditional Garden)

Many maple trees are planted in the Japanese Traditional Garden. From the time of the Chrysanthemum Exhibition through mid-December, the trees reach their peak color in succession, allowing visitors to enjoy the autumn foliage for an extended period.





Formosan gum（Formal Garden）

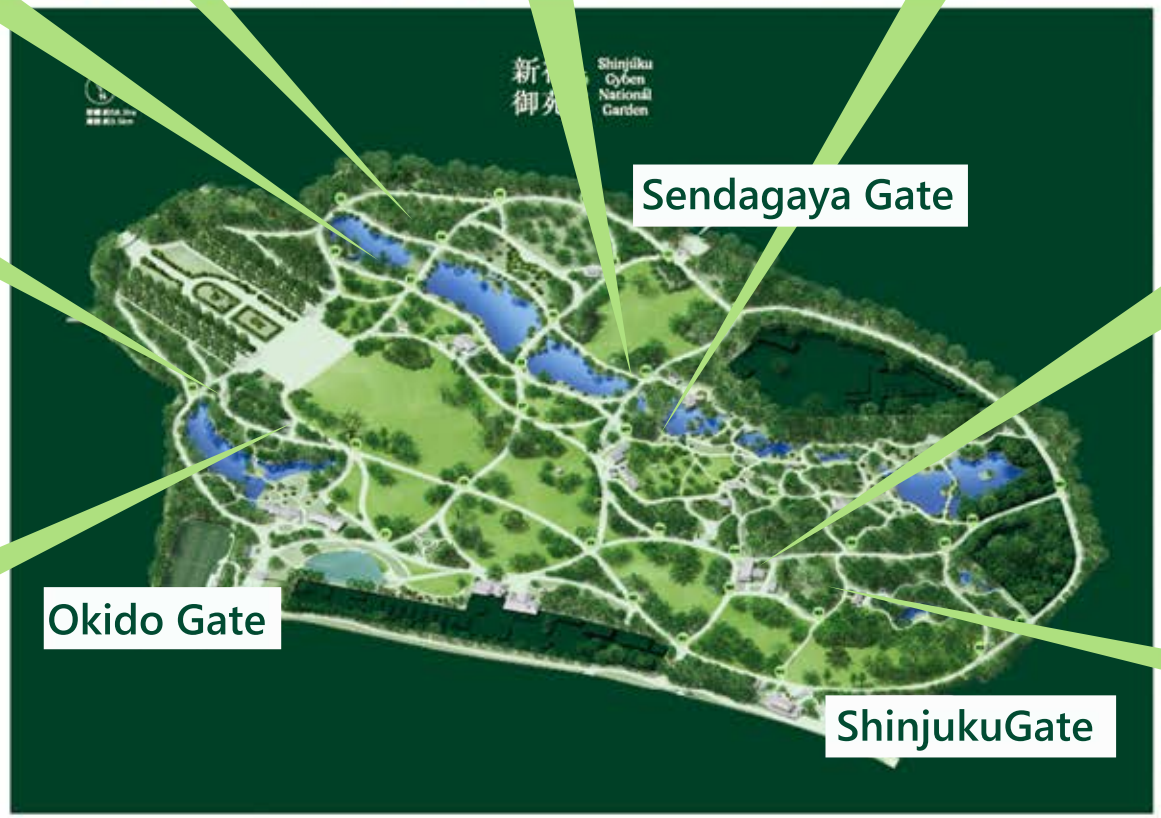
Just as the yellow leaves have fallen from the row of plane trees, the trees begin to change color, as if they had been waiting their turn. The entire grove of large trees is bathed in warm hues.



Maple（Near Tamamo Pond）



Although this maple tree is tucked away in an inconspicuous spot, it turns a beautiful color every year.



Maple&Maidenhair tree (Near Mother And Child Woods)

The path between the Japanese garden and Mother And Child Woods features the golden foliage of large ginkgo trees, which lasts until December. This is the area where you can enjoy the interplay of ginkgo and maple trees right up until the end of the season.



Maple（Near Satoyam Woodlands Experience）

The maple trees along the garden path in front of Satoyama Woodlands Experience are turning a variety of colors, making for a spectacular sight.



●Winning Entries from the Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden Photo Contest●

2016
Minister of the Environment Award



（Traditional Japanese Garden）

2017 Selected Works



（Formal Garden Avenue of London Planes）

2019 Selected Works



（Formal Garden Avenue of London Planes）

2014 Selected Works



（Lower Pond）

2017 Selected Works



（Traditional Japanese Garden）

2017 Selected Works



（Formal Garden Avenue of London Planes）

2017 Special Selection



（Traditional Japanese Garden）

2023 Selected Works



（Near Shinjuku Gate）