

The Weeping Cherry Tree in Tanoue

The species of this weeping cherry tree on the grounds of Tanoue Kannon-do Hall is exactly the same as the Edohigan cherry tree in **Suge**.

The only difference is that the hanging branches are more slender. It is also known as an **itozakura** (rosebud cherry).

This large tree in the family *Rosaceae* is about 17 m high, its branches spread about 17 m, and at eye height, the circumference of its trunk is 4.3 m.

While many old trees of this species stand in the Tanoue district, this designated tree is a superb example, as it has been very well cared for, and is the largest of the giant trees in the village.

Sozoku Ichigu (a book about local folklore) mentions, "There is a large cherry tree in front of the temple and there are presently (March 17 in the old calendar) blossoms in profusion." Considering that it was already a "large tree" in those days, it is estimated that **the tree is several hundred years old**.

When its light pink blossoms are in full bloom, the sight of this tree, a tree of graceful appearance, with the thatched roof of the temple hall beside it, is truly a superb spectacle.

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