

Spring is sure to come



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These flowers are all spring flower. The flowers at front are *Anemone hepatica* in the buttercup family. The ones under right are Japanese primrose and rest of them are rapeseed flowers.

Anemone hepatica blooms early spring. Since it tells arrival of spring, in Japan it is called "Yuikiwari-sou" (means "snow breaker"). Its flower has several colors such as white, blue and red.

The colors of Japanese primrose are pink or white. Although it is found on grasslands and wetlands of Japan, it is also grown as gardening flower.

Rapeseed flower is very popular flower in Japan. When bright yellow flowers bloom, the field of rapeseed turns to yellow carpet. Its leaves are also spring delicacy.