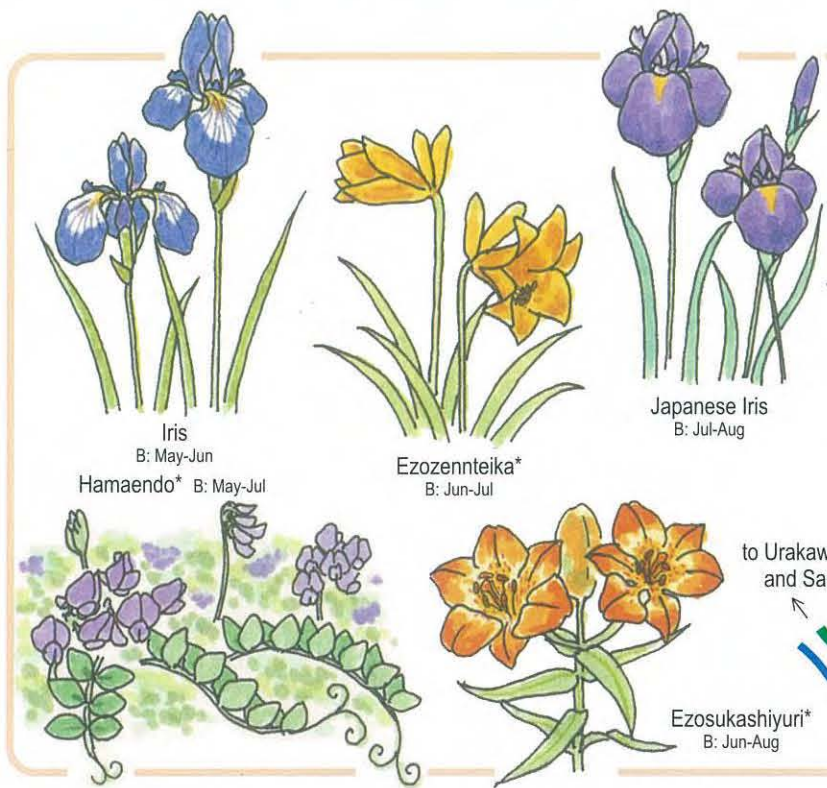


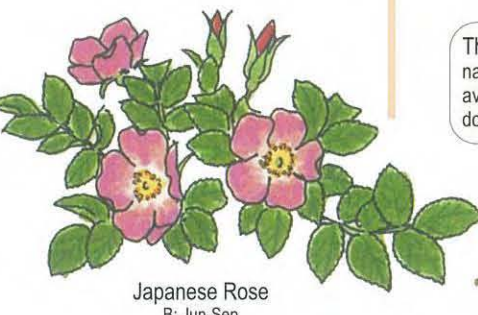
Erimo Town Guide Map

Here is Hidaka - Erimo Quasi National Park. Please don't pitch tents or pull the plants. Enjoy your visit to Erimo Town!

L: The approximate maximum length from nose/beak to tail tip
B: The blooming season * : The flower's name in Japanese



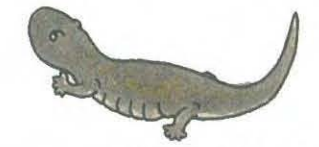
The summer flowers in bright colors



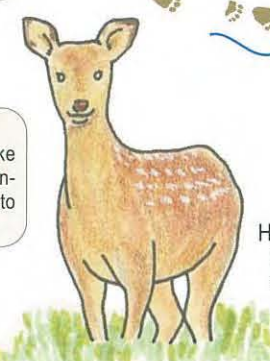
Hokkaido Brown Bear
L: 200cm



This is bear country. If you enjoy nature, you must take measures to avoid bears, e.g. tying a bell, and don't leave human food and garbage.



Hokkaido Salamander
L: 20cm



Hokkaido Deer L: 190cm
Appear at pasture from evening to morning

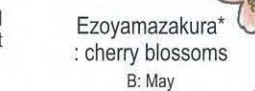
Beware of deer!
Especially at Oiwake Pass and Hyakunin-hama from evening to morning

The feature of Hakusan Rosebay growing wild in Erimo is that leaves are round. We call it Erimo Rosebay and appreciate the leaves.



Hakusan Rosebay B: Jun-Jul
Tree of Erimo Town

The farms are not for sightseeing. Don't enter without asking and feed the horses!

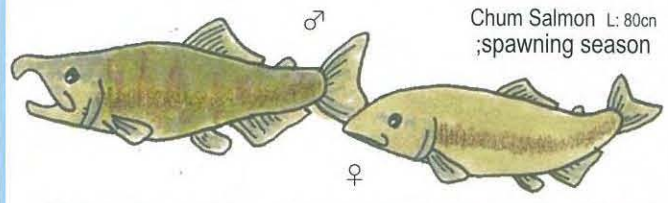


Ezoyamazakura* : cherry blossoms
B: May

Shoya Sakura Park
The various wild flowers can be seen at the pass even if it is out of cherry blossom season.

Autumn Salmon Watching

In Autumn, a lot of Chum salmon return to rivers (Saruru river, Utabetu river, and so on) for spawning. You can observe from a bridge and at the mouth of the river.



Chum Salmon L: 80cm
; spawning season

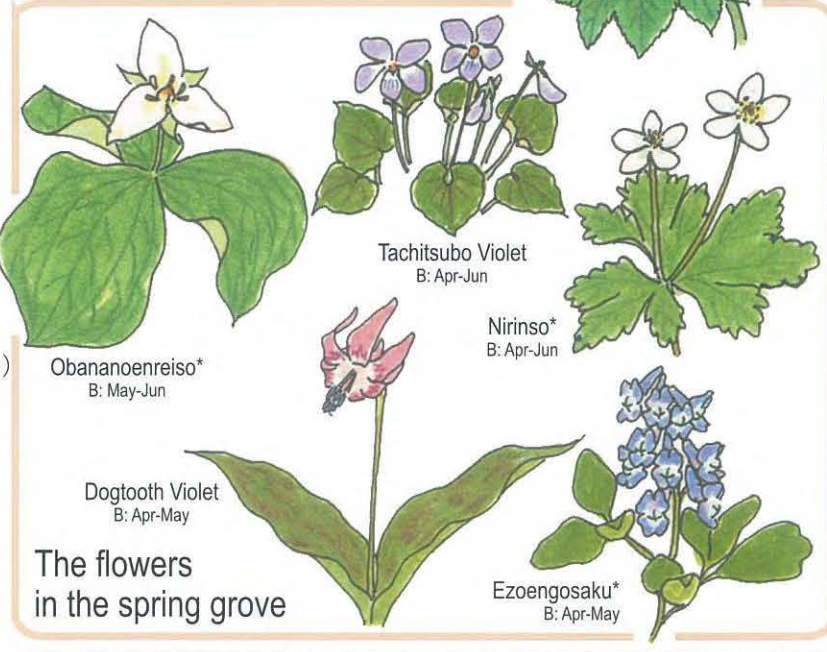
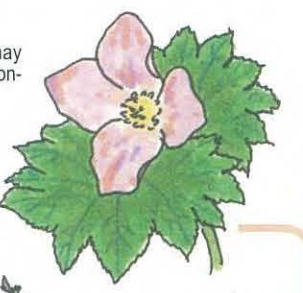
Early in the morning, you can see the landing the catch of salmon at every fishing port in the town.

Ogon-doro: Golden Road (Route 336 from Hiro to Shoya)
An enormous sum was spent in making this road. Hence the name "OGON", meaning gold.



Blue Rockthrush L: 25.5cm
Inhabits rocky seashore, may appear on breakwater along Ogon-doro or cliff at Cape Erimo

Shiraneaoi*
B: May-Jul



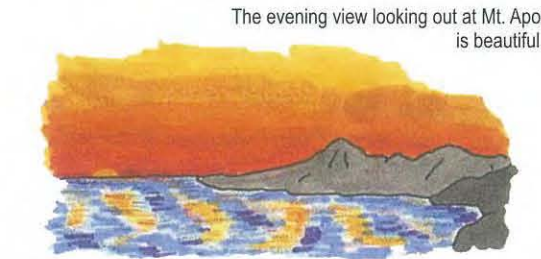
The flowers in the spring grove

The Site of Erimo-misaki and Hyakunin-hama Reforestation Project

Formerly, the surroundings of Erimo were covered with forests of oak, birch, and so on. But, due to felling for reclamation in the early twentieth century, it had become a desert, called the Erimo Desert. At that time, strong winds had blown up the sand and made the coastal sea muddy. Then the number of fishes decreased, most kelps rotted, and the life of people in Cape Erimo was devastated. A reforestation project was begun from 1953, but afforesting was very difficult under the conditions of severe weather and a harsh environment. The present forest of Japanese Black Pine along the road is the result of reforestation through trial and error.

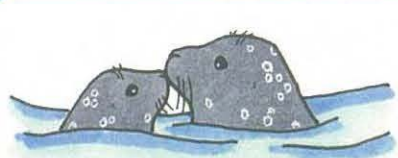
Information

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<http://www.do-shokoren.or.jp/erimo/>
- Erimo Town Office TEL 01466-2-2111
<http://www.town.erimo.hokkaido.jp/>
- Erimo-misaki KAZE NO YAKATA TEL 01466-3-1133
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The evening view looking out at Mt. Apo is beautiful.

In Erimo, the sun rises from the sea and sets into the sea.

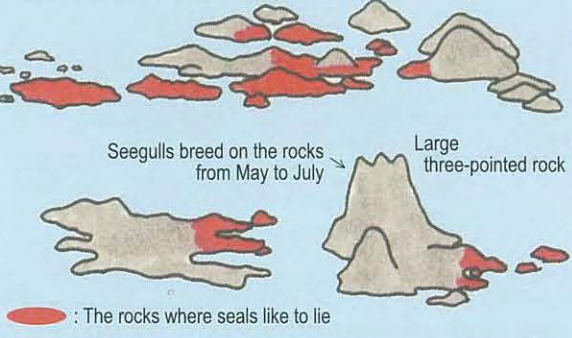


Kuril Harbor Seal "Zenigata Azarashi"

Seals inhabit the east coast of Hokkaido all year round. Of 900 seals living in Hokkaido about 450 live in Cape Erimo. The seal has a black body with distinctive white circles, similar to an ancient Japanese coin with a hole in the middle. Hence the name "ZENIGATA" (money shaped). They feed on fish, rock trout, octopus and so on.

Try seal-watching! At Cape Erimo, you can look at the seals through telescopes all year round, if the cape isn't fogged in. You can enjoy seal-watching through your binoculars at the observatory at the cape or through the TV screen in KAZE NO YAKATA.

The Rocks of Cape Erimo

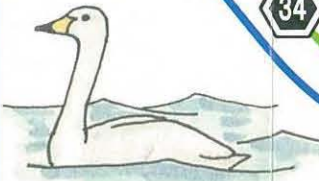


May-June: Breeding Season - You can see the lovely pups and mothers.
Summer: Molting Season - The largest number of seals are lying on the rocks. You can see the seals idling on the rocks beside the kelpfishing boats early in the morning.

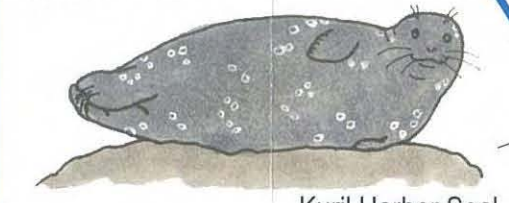
When the tide is out, many seals comparatively are lying on the rocks. If you cannot see seals on the rocks, look for seals on the waves.

You can't easily see the seals lying on the rocks because the seal's body resembles closely the rock.

Utabetu (ota · petsu : sand · river)



Whooper Swan L: 140cm
; winter visitor; wintering at the seashore in Erimo



Kuril Harbor Seal

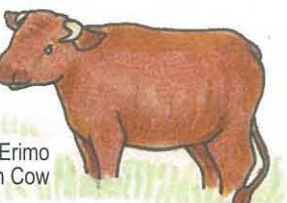
Toyo

Cape Erimo

(en-rumu : jutting head)

The words in parentheses under the name of place indicate the etymological Ainu word and meaning for it.

Japanese Black Pine



Erimo Short-horn Cow

Erimo Generating Electricity By Wind Power Laboratory

Forestry Center "MIDORI-KAN" provides information about reforestation

Erimo-misaki "KAZE NO YAKATA"

