

A YEAR OF JOURNALING



NEW GROWTH

Nineteenth-century artists and collectors from around the world admired Utagawa Hiroshige's woodblock prints of important sites (and sights!) around Japan.

Part of the series *One Hundred Famous Views of Edo*, this print features a special type of iris called hanashōbu blossoming in the Horikiri Garden. You can still visit the garden in Tokyo today!

Utagawa Hiroshige, [Horikiri Iris Garden](#), 1857, Ansei 4, intercalary 5th month. Color woodblock print. Gift of the Rodbell Family Collection, 2014, 2014.16.11.

IN YOUR OWN WORDS

How does Hiroshige's print show us that these flowers are a famous sight?

Hanashōbu typically grow through the spring and flower in June. What signs of spring do you see in your part of the world each year? What about signs of summer?

How does the change of seasons affect your mood and activities? What do you enjoy doing in the spring that you can't do any other time of the year?

In the natural world, spring is often a time of new growth. What's something in your life that has grown or changed since last spring? Since five springs ago?