







in the late Edo Period to early Meiji Era (late 1800s) by crossbreeding wild cherry trees. The light-pink blossoms in full bloom and the falling petals scattering in the wind are a magnificent sight to behold.



distinctive fan-shaped leaves that change from light green to bright yellow in autumn. The ginkgo tree is commonly found along Tokyo's streets and avenues and is highly resistant to pollution and fire.

It comes south to Tokyo in late October every year and sojourns in the surrounding ports and rivers until the following April. A favorite theme of poets and painters, it is also called *miyakodori*, meaning "bird of the capital."