庭園管理している職人 が "この季節"に感じた ことをお伝えします。 Shosei-en's gardener shares his feelings about

the season.

Gardener's Saijiki \*Seasonal Glossary

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秋になると丹楓渓を始め、園内の様々な場所で落葉樹が色づき始めます。散策の際はイロハモミジやイチョウはもちろん、護岸付近に育成している

秋号

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ムラサキシキブの実

(コムラサキの実)

Purple beautyberry

**茎まで赤色になるハゼノキや、小さく可愛らしい紫色の実を付けるムラサキシキブ(コムラサキ)**にも、ぜひご注目ください。これらは都度生長した枝を剪定しているのではなく、一番見て頂きたい**秋に向けて**冬の時期に根元・枝元から切り戻し、**毎年樹形を整え直し**ているのです。1年かけて整えたハゼノキやムラサキシキブ(コムラサキ)の美しい姿を見ると、また今年も紅葉の時期がやってきたのだと感慨深く思います。

In autumn, the deciduous trees in Shosei-en's Maple Valley and other areas start changing color. As you stroll around, please look at the maples and ginkgo trees, but also check out the Japanese wax trees by the stone shoreline turning red to the stems and the adorable little purple beautyberries that are blooming. We don't prune these trees' branches as they grow out. Each year during winter, we restraighten their shapes by cutting back branches and roots so that they're prepared for autumn, the season when we most want them to be seen. As I look at the beautiful figures of the Japanese wax trees and purple beautyberries we've spent a year getting into shape, it is powerfully moving to see that autumn leaf season has come once again.

ハゼノキの紅葉 Japanese wax tree autumn leaves





堅い殻に覆われ、熟しても割れないドングリのような実を「堅果」といいます。 ドングリの中でも渉成園では「アラカシ」と「シラカシ」が鑑賞しやすい所にあり、 10月頃茶色く熟してきます。「どんぐりの背比べ」と言われるように、とても良く 似た大きさ・姿ですが、帽子のような形をしている「殻斗」などの特徴で見分け ることができます。ドングリを見つけたら見分けに挑戦してみてください!

In Japanese, nuts such as acorns that are covered in hard shells and don't split open after they ripen are called kenka, which means "hard fruit."

Among the acorns at Shosei-en, the ones on its ring-cupped oaks and bamboo-leaf oaks are easy to find and they ripen brown from around October. "Like comparing acorn heights," is a Japanese saying used to describe a narrow range of variety, and while acorn sizes and shapes are indeed similar, you can tell them apart through their hat-like cupules and other characteristics. So when you find an acorn, try to identify it!

## アラカシ Ring-cupped oaks $6 \sim 8 @ の輪 \\ 6-8 rings$ 濃い色の縦じま Thick colored stripes

## シラカシ

Bamboo-leaf oaks

6~8個の輪 殻斗を深めにかぶっており 輪がはっきりと分かる

6-8 rings

The acorn's cupule is deeply sunk and its rings stand out clearly.



