



Stone lanterns

This small garden has an unbelievable number of stone lanterns - 12 altogether. The owner, Ōhashi Jinhei loved stone lanterns. The garden master Ogawa recommended not to put too many stone lanterns into the small garden - but Ōhashi ignored his advice. He collected them from all over Japan and has some rare variations in his garden - the Yukimido next to the Suikinkutsu water feature, for example, has only two legs.



Kasuga-Tōrō on the left and Chōsen-Tōrō on the right side

春日灯籠 (左)
朝鮮灯籠 (右)

The Kasuga lantern is named after the Kasuga shrine in Nara, which features a lot of these stone lanterns. The Chōsen-Tōrō means Korean style lantern. This one is exceptionally long and thin.

Chōsen-Tōrō 朝鮮灯籠

Korean-style lantern

Left:

Tokiwa-Tōrō

The top part of the lantern is said to look like the famous headdress of the historical figure Lady Tokiwa Gozen (1138 – 1180) - that's why this style of lantern is called Tokiwa lantern.

Right:

Kasuga-Tōrō

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