

The History of Tachibana



What is Tachibana Tenshinan?



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Tachibana (mandarin orange) is described in the Kojiki and Nihon Shoki as Emperor Suinin sending Tamotsu no Kami to the land of Tokoyo to bring back a elixir of longevity called "Tokijiku no Kagu no Konomi" and "Tokijiku no Kagu no Mi". In the main text of the Kojiki, Tachibana is said to be "this is the mandarin orange now", and so mandarin oranges are planted in the Shishinden Hall of the Kyoto Imperial Palace as "Ukon Tachibana, Sakon Sakura". Since then, the Kokin Wakashu, summer, an anonymous poet writes, "When I smell the scent of the mandarin orange, a flower waiting for May, I smell the scent of the sleeves of a person from long ago", mandarin oranges have been associated with nostalgia, especially feelings for an old lover. (From Wikipedia)

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