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Shikotsu-Toya National Park

Symbolic Plant of the National Park

Tarumaeso

Pentstemon frutescens, a species of beardtongue



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"Iwabukuro" is the common Japanese name for this flower. However, because of its prevalence on Mount Tarumae it is better known by the name "Tarumaeso". Sandy volcanic land is its habitat and many grow on Mount Yotei as well. The flower is about 2.5cm in length and the petals are covered with white hair.

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