

Japanese Anemone—an early autumn perennial

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The Japanese Anemone (*Anemone japonica*) is one of 70 flowering perennials in the Ranunculaceae family.

Anemone japonica originated during the 1850s from a Royal Horticultural Society cross between *Anemone hupehensis* from China and *Anemone vitifolia* from Nepal. The original cross produced the common rose-pink *Anemone x hybrida* in 1848. However a stunning pure white vigorous sport with yellow stamens occurred about 1858 and was propagated. It was named 'Honorine Jobert' and became extremely popular as a foreground to large shrub borders. Once established it can become somewhat invasive but it flowers profusely during late summer and early autumn.

Anemone x hybrida 'Honorine Jobert' is now flowering throughout the Park, with spectacular displays in the Goodwin Dell, along the lower path leading to the Goodwin Dell steps, in the Stainton Dell, and beside the path at the foot of the Japanese Hillside.

Botanical notes referenced from 'Perennial Garden Plants or *The Modern Florilegium*'; Graham Stuart Thomas, J. M. Dent & Sons Ltd 1985, in association with the Royal Horticultural Society. ISBN 0-460-04575-X

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