

16\_4\_English 両社神社 本殿

Ryosha Shrine – Main Sanctuary

Designated Tangible Cultural Property of Shiga  
Prefecture

[1620]

Ryosha Shrine's Main Sanctuary is a large scale building constructed in the nagare-zukuri style of Japanese architecture, which is characterized by an asymmetrical gabled roof. The Main Sanctuary roof was made using many layers of bark from Japanese cypress trees, and was constructed concurrently with Sakai Shrine in 1620 by Nagaakira Asano of the Hiroshima domain. While some details differ, it shares the same overall structure as the neighboring Sakai Shrine's Main Sanctuary, and is a characteristic building of the early Edo period [1603-1868].