

Wild Birds of Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden (Resident Birds Edition)

There are many wild birds in Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden. This sheet introduces the bird species that live here throughout the year.

Oriental Turtle Dove L33 cm
Columbiformes / Columbidae
Call: "Dee-dee-po-po"
It has distinctive wavy patterns on its neck. It is not very wary and can be approached closely.



Rock Pigeon L33 cm
Columbiformes / Columbidae
Call: "Coo-coo-urr"
Pecking at bare ground is a behavior to ingest small stones that help with digestion.



Eurasian Tree Sparrow L14 cm
Passeriformes / Passeridae
Call: "Chun-chun"
The most familiar small bird in Japan. It moves by hopping with both feet.

Japanese White-eye L14 cm
Passeriformes / Zosteropidae
Call: "Kororo kororo"
Identified by the white ring around its eyes. It sings with a soft, gentle voice.



Brown-eared Bulbul L28 cm
Passeriformes / Pycnonotidae
Call: "Pee-pee"
It has a loud voice and loves the nectar of cherry and camellia flowers. Its flight is characterized by "undulating flight," alternating wingbeats with gliding.



Common Buzzard L55 cm
Accipitriformes / Accipitridae
Call: "Pee-ee"
Its main diet consists of mice and moles. It flies low over fields, catching prey as it searches the ground.



Northern Goshawk ♂ L50 cm
Accipitriformes / Accipitridae ♀ L56 cm
Call: "Pyu-pyu"
It has golden eyes and a barred belly. The female is larger than the male.



Japanese Tit L14 cm
Passeriformes / Paridae
Call: "Tsu-pi tsu-pi tsu-pi tsu-pi"
It uses a wide variety of calls to communicate with others.



Great Cormorant L81 cm
Pelecianiformes / Cormorant
Call: "Gurururu"
Its feathers do not repel water, so it often spreads its wings to dry them.

Large-billed Crow L75 cm
Passeriformes / Corvidae
Call: "Caw-caw"
It eats almost anything. During the nesting season (May-June), it becomes very sensitive and defensive.



Little Egret L61 cm
Pelecaniformes / Ardeidae
Call: "Gao, Gyo"
The bill is black, and the toes are yellow. In summer plumage, there are two long plumes on the back of the head.



Great Egret L90 cm
Pelecaniformes / Ardeidae
Call: "Ga-ga-ga-ga-ga"
The largest of the white egrets found in Japan. During the breeding season, its bill turns black and the area in front of the eyes becomes blue.



Mallard Duck L61 cm
Anseriformes / Anatidae
Call: "Gaa-gaa"
The tip of the bill is yellow. Often seen at Tamago Pond.



Grey Heron L93 cm
Pelecaniformes / Ardeidae
Call: "Gwaaah"
It moves very slowly. During the breeding season, its bill, eye area, and legs turn red.



Little Grebe L26 cm
Podicipediformes / Podicipedidae
Call: "Kyurururu-"
An excellent swimmer. It dives for food, disappearing suddenly and resurfacing at a distant spot.



Common Kingfisher L17 cm
Coraciiformes / Alcedinidae
Call: "Pipipi-pee"
It perches on trees around the pond, takes aim, and hunts fish in the water.



Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker L14 cm
Piciformes / Picidae
Call: "Gii gii"
The smallest woodpecker in Japan. It drums on trees with its tiny beak.



Japanese Wagtail L21 cm
Passeriformes / Motacillidae
Call: "Chu-chun chu-chun"
It sings with a clear voice and dashes rapidly across the ground.



Japanese Bush Warbler L14-16 cm
Passeriformes / Cettiidae
Call: "cha-cha"
Its song is easy to hear, but its appearance is difficult to spot.



Oriental Greenfinch L15 cm
Passeriformes / Fringillidae
Call: "Pupuri pupuri pivo pivo"
They gather in groups on a single tree and chirp with cute voices. Their wings have yellow and black patterns, which look beautiful when spread.



Long-tailed Tit L14 cm
Passeriformes / Aegithalidae
Call: "Jururu"
Famous for forming 'long-tailed tit balls' when roosting. Its adorable appearance is truly treasure-worthy.



Varied Tit L14 cm
Passeriformes / Paridae
Call: "Nee-nee-nee"
It becomes accustomed to people. Known for its intelligence, it was once trained to perform tricks.



White-cheeked Starling L24 cm
Passeriformes / Sturnidae
Call: "Ryaa-ryaa, kyuu"
It lives in flocks throughout the year. Females have slightly paler heads.

