

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

Many wild birds can be seen in the Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden during winter. This sheet summarizes the birds that can be observed in the Garden in the winter season.



Black-faced Bunting L16 cm
 Passeriformes / Emberizidae
 Call: "ヒヒヒ" (Hihhi)
 Its song is often heard from beneath low shrubs such as azaleas and satsuki azaleas.



Red-flanked Bluetail L14 cm
 Passeriformes / Muscicapidae
 Call: "Hihhi, kaka"
 It takes about three years for the male to turn a beautiful azure blue. The female has only a faintly blue tail.



Daurian Redstart L14 cm
 Passeriformes / Muscicapidae
 Call: "Ka ka ka ka"
 Its call resembles the sound of striking a flint, which is the origin of the name "Redstart." Its habit of moving its tail up and down is popular.



Bull-headed Shrike L20 cm
 Passeriformes / Laniidae
 Call: "Kyuu kyuu"
 It has a habit called *hayani e*, in which it impales its prey on forks of trees or branches. Although small, it has a sharp bill and preys on other small birds.



Tufted Duck L40 cm
 Anseriformes / Anatidae
 Call: "Kyu" kua"
 Its striking black-and-white coloration and golden eyes are characteristic. It has long head feathers (a crest).



Common Pochard L45 cm
 Anseriformes / Anatidae
 Call: "Kyu" kua"
 The male has a red head, a black-and-white body, and red irises. The female has a light brown head, a black bill, and brown irises.



Northern Shoveler L50 cm
 Anseriformes / Anatidae
 Call: "Tuytto kusu"
 The male has a green head and a gray body. It feeds by swimming in circles to create a whirlpool. They sometimes circle in groups.



Dusky Thrush L24 cm
 Passeriformes / Turdidae
 Call: "Kyu kyuu kyuu"
 It hops along the ground, stopping to stand upright with its chest out. By repeating this behavior, it feeds on earthworms and insect larvae.



Pale Thrush L25 cm
 Passeriformes / Turdidae
 Call: "Kyurururu"
 It stays in dim grassy areas, rustling through fallen leaves to look for insects, making it easy to spot. When approached, it runs off in a flutter.



Mandarin Duck L45 cm
 Anseriformes / Anatidae
 Call: "Chuui, pyui"
 The male is brightly colored during the breeding season. They are often found in shaded areas beneath overhanging trees and are highly cautious.



Mallard L59 cm
 Anseriformes / Anatidae
 Call: "Geh, geh, geh."
 The male's head is green during the breeding season, but it can appear bluish-purple depending on the light. Outside the breeding season, males look similar to females, but their yellow bill does not change, making them distinguishable.



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