

Kushiro Crane Reserve

Kushiro Crane Reserve is an observation and educational facility that protects and breeds red-crowned cranes. Visitors can see various exhibits in the main building, including taxidermies showing the life cycle of the crane. Outside, pairs of cranes and their young live in a 7-hectare enclosure built in the wetlands. The birds can be observed up close through the fence, a particularly special experience in May when new chicks are hatching. Many of the red-crowned cranes live in the reserve year-round.