

Insects in Oku-Nikko

The melting snow and new buds in the forests signal the beginning of new insect activity in Oku-Nikko. Insects including colorful butterflies, dragonflies, and longhorn beetles make their appearance in late May. The Japanese spring cicada (*Terpnosia nigrivosta*) can be heard singing between spring and early summer. Unfortunately, due to environmental changes and damage from deer, insects such as the poplar admiral (*Limenitis populi*) and the Kohyomommodoki (*Mellicta ambigua nippona*) butterflies are no longer found here.