

Four Seasons and the Natural Environment of Kyoto Gyoen National Garden

Common grass yellow (*eurema hecabe*)

Japanese tit (*parus minor*)

Old world swallowtail (*papilio machaon*)

Varied tit (*parus varius*)

Birdsong fills the garden in spring.

Japanese wagtail (*motacilla grandis*)

Long-tailed tit (*aegithalos caudatus*)

Gray heron (*ardea cinerea*)

Japanese white-eye (*zosterops japonicus*)

Four kinds of turtle

Wasp spider (*Argiope amoena*)

Siren butterfly (*hestina persimilis japonica*)

Forest Green Tree Frog (*Rhacophorus arboreus*)

Wandering glider (*pantala flavescens*)

In summer, many kinds of frogs and dragonflies can be seen at the Dragonfly Pond.

Japanese pygmy woodpecker (*dendrocopos kizuki*)

Blue-tailed forest hawk (*orthetrum triangulare melania*)

Common bluetail (*ischnura senegalensis*)

Grey wagtail (*motacilla cinerea*)

Dragonfly (*Sympetrum darwinianum*)

Grasshopper (*oxya yezoensis*)

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Cricket (*teleogryllus emma*)

Blue-and-white flycatcher (*cyanoptila cyanomelana*)

In autumn, the gardens are home to locusts, grasshoppers (*caelifera*) and crickets; the air resounds with their beautiful sounds.

Japanese green woodpecker (*picus awokera*)

Olive-backed pipit (*anthus hodgsoni*)

Blue admiral (*kaniska canace*)

Red-flanked bluetail (*tarsiger cyanurus*)

Bull-headed shrike (*lanius bucephalus*)

Some say the cry of the scaly thrush (*zoothera dauma*) is the origin of the tales of the *ume*, the strange legendary animal of Japanese folklore that is said to haunt the Kyoto Imperial Palace grounds. The song of this bird is a plaintive and spooky “hi-hyo!”

Scaly thrush (*zoothera dauma*)

Northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*)

In the dead of winter, when there is little to eat in the mountains, goshawks and sparrow hawks can be observed in Kyoto.

Mallard (*anas platyrhynchos*)

Common kingfisher (*alcedo atthis*)

White-bellied green pigeon (*treron sieboldii*)

Black-crowned night heron (*nycticorax nycticorax*)

Dusky thrush (*turdus eunomus*)

Brambling (*fringilla montifringilla*)

Japanese grosbeak (*eophona personata*)

Daurian redstart (*phoenicurus auroreus*)

Black-faced bunting (*emberiza spodocephala*)