

Migratory Birds at Cape Jizozaki

Mihonoseki, on the eastern tip of the Shimane Peninsula, is located on a major coastal bird migration route. In spring, summer birds such as the *oruri*, or blue-and-white flycatcher (*Cyanoptila cyanomelana*), and the *kibitaki* or narcissus flycatcher (*Ficedula narcissina*) pass by on the way back from their wintering areas in Southeast Asia, while winter birds like the *shirohara*/pale thrush (*Turdus pallidus*) head north to breed. Birds such as the *uguisu*/Japanese bush warbler (*Cettia diphone*), *mejiro*/Japanese white-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*), and *hiyodori*/brown-eared bulbul (*Hypsipetes amaurotis*) also migrate around this time. In autumn, the birds pass by again on their southward journey from breeding to wintering grounds.

From the left: blue-and-white flycatcher; narcissus flycatcher; pale thrush; Japanese white-eye; brown-eared bulbul