

Wildlife and Vegetation Along the Gyoja Mountain Trail

The Gyoja Mountain Trail runs through a forest that includes beech trees, Mongolian oaks (*Quercus crispula* Blume), painted maples (*Acer pictum* Thunb.), redvein maples (*Acer rufinerve*), and willows (*Salix sieboldiana* Blume). This vast forest is beautiful throughout the year, from green leaves in spring to colorful foliage in autumn. Mt. Daisen is a sanctuary for wild birds. More than 100 species have been recorded on the mountain, including summer breeders such as the narcissus flycatcher (*Ficedula narcissina*) and blue-and-white flycatcher (*Cyanoptila cyanomelana*), and residents like the varied tit (*Parus varius*) and the coal tit (*Periparus ater*). Many small mammals, land snails, and over 1,000 species of insects live on Mt. Daisen, forming a rich biodiversity and stable ecosystem.