

Birds in the Sugatami Pond Area

Several bird species thrive in the Sugatami Pond area. The spotted nutcracker can be recognized from its dark-brown plumage dappled with white spots. It is a member of the crow family and has a characteristic, crow-like call. It feeds on insects, grass, and seeds, and the cone of the Japanese stone pine is a particular favorite.

The pine grosbeak is a member of the finch family. It has a stubby bill and long dark tail. Males have reddish-pink plumage on their head and back, while females sport yellowish-brown feathers. The bird migrates to Hokkaido during the summer months and favors coniferous forests and open areas of the mountains.

The Siberian rubythroat is a small, highly vocal bird, named for the bright-red throat feathers of the male. It winters in southern Asia, though in Japan, its activity is limited to Hokkaido. The bird's primary diet is insects, but it occasionally eats vegetation.