

Insects of Urabandai

The marshlands and lakes of Urabandai are home to numerous species of dragonfly, with 61 species sighted in the area. This includes the Siberian hawk (*Aeshna crenata*), and the dainty *Platycnemis echigoana* featherleg damselfly. There are more than 90 identified species of butterfly, including the chestnut tiger (*Parantica sita*). Various threatened species live here, such as the *gengoro* diving beetle (*Cybister japonicus*) and the *himeshijimi* or silver-studded blue butterfly (*Plebejus argus*) and several species of firefly, including both the well-known *Heike-botaru* (*Aquatica lateralis*) and *Genji-botaru* (*Luciola cruciata*), named after two famous warrior families from the twelfth century.