

Birds of Omura Park

Some 70 species of birds have been observed in Omura Park. Resident birds and migratory birds range from common species such as the great egret that forages in the ponds of Omura Park and the shallows of Omura Bay to more striking species, including the Himalayan bluetail that shelters in the Kushimazaki Groves.

In the colder months, the park is home to species such as the brown-eared bulbul, a gray-feathered songbird that flies south from Hokkaido in late autumn. Many bird species are attracted by the plentiful fruits and nuts in the park. The mild, warm climate means a longer season for fruits and flowers and a favorable environment for insects and other animals. Trees, including camphor, Chinese tallow, and *muku* (*Aphananthe aspera*), supply fruit through the autumn and winter months.

Birdlife is most abundant in the park between mid-November and March when birds from colder climes migrate to Kyushu. Species that inhabit the area year-round include the green pigeon, black kite, gray-tailed tattler, and the hawfinch.