



Wild Birds and Women
in Contemporary Japanese Art

Introduction

Pictures of a wild bird *or* of a woman are common in Japanese art but pictures of a wild bird *and* a woman are much less common, except in contemporary Japanese art (i.e., 1950 to present day). Wild birds and women are not natural companions so why, then, would numerous contemporary Japanese artists choose to include a wild bird and a woman in the same picture? One possible explanation is that the contemporary philosophy of art champions novelty, one example of which is a picture of a wild bird *and* a woman. Twenty examples of contemporary wild bird *and* woman pictures, each drawn by a different Japanese artist, are included in this virtual exhibition. In pictures 1-13 the woman is fully clothed while in pictures 14-20 the woman is either naked or only partly clothed. For each picture, the following information is provided: names of the artist and bird (if known), title (if any), printing method and print size. These twenty prints are part of the Reader Collection of Japanese Art.

1 Unknown bird and woman by **Ryūsei Okamoto**,
entitled girl (bird), woodblock, 305 x 455 mm



2 Unknown bird and woman by **Kaoru Kawano**,
woodblock, 290 x 425 mm



3 Varied tit (*Sittiparus varius*) and woman by **Senpan Maekawa**, woodblock, 515 x 380 mm



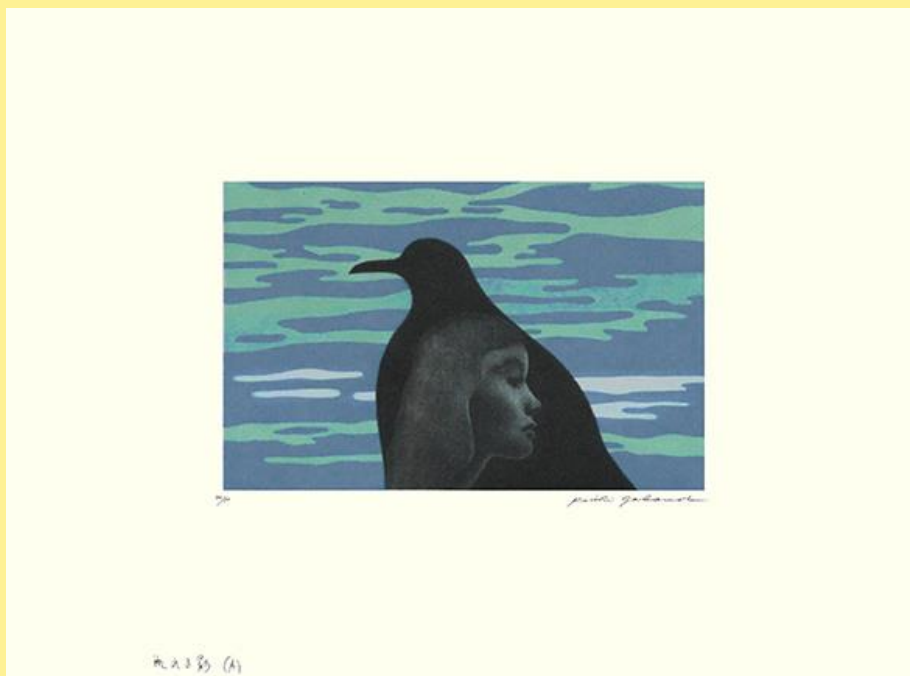
4 Unknown bird and woman by **Shūzō Ikeda**, woodblock, 145 x 125 mm



5 Unknown bird and woman by **Shūichi Ono**, entitled bird face, lithograph, 650 x 500 mm



6 Unknown bird and woman by **Kōichi Sakamoto**, entitled through shadow (A), intaglio, 380 x 285 mm



7 Rock dove (*Columba livia*) and woman by **Shirō Takagi**, entitled chrysanthemum and talented woman, woodblock, 310 x 370 mm



8 Unknown bird and woman by **Masao Yoshida**, intaglio, 470 x 620 mm

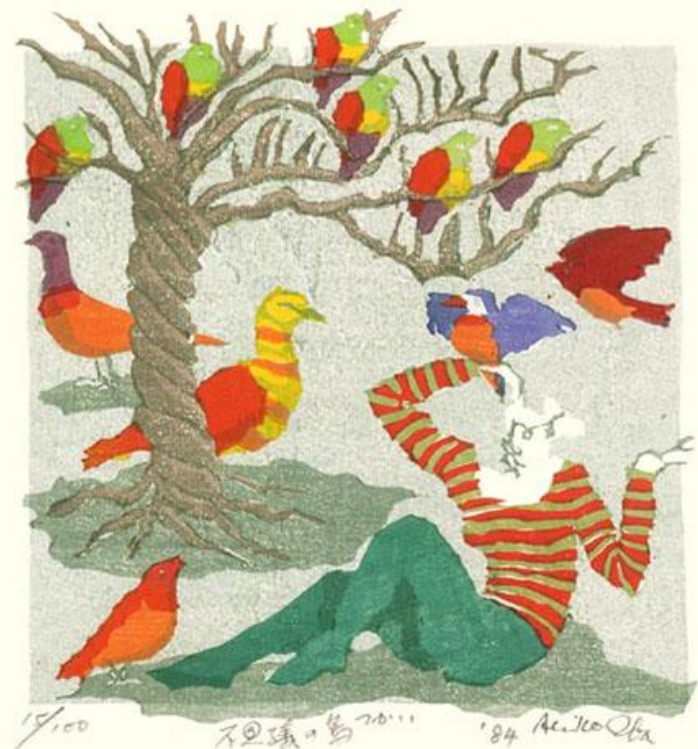


9 Daurian redstart (*Phoenicurus aureus*) and woman by **Masumi Ozawa**, entitled ride on the bird, screenprint, 135 x 165 mm



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250 Ride on the Bird Masumi Ozawa

10 Unknown birds and woman by **Akiko Ohba**, entitled strange bird trainer, woodblock, 175 x 180 mm



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11 Hawk (*Accipiter* sp.) and woman by **Iwao Akiyama**,
entitled girl with hawk, woodblock, 490 x 640 mm



12 Unknown birds and woman by **Shiho Murakami**,
intaglio, 100 x 150 mm



13 Unknown bird and woman by **Seiji Togō**, intaglio, 495 x 640 mm



14 Swan (*Cygnus* sp.) and woman by **Iwami Furusawa**, entitled Leda, lithograph, 455 x 635 mm



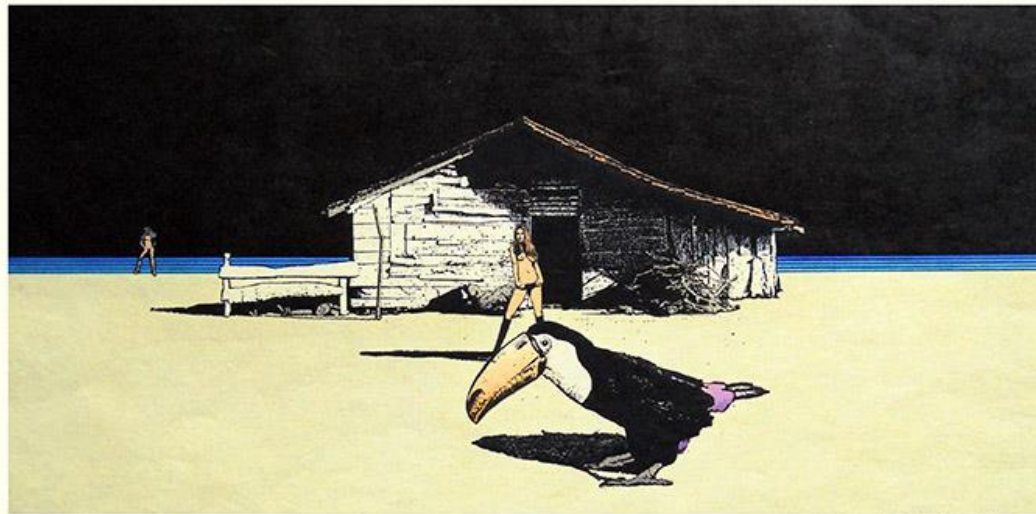
15 Unknown bird and woman by **Kazu Wakita**, entitled birds and people lying down, lithograph, 500 x 405 mm



16 Cassowary (*Cassuarius* sp.) and woman by **Tamiji Kitagawa**, intaglio, 250 x 215 mm



17 Toco toucan (*Rhamphastos toco*) and women by **Hodaka Yoshida**, entitled toucan and white house N, woodblock, 640 x 370 mm



18 Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) and woman by **Takeshi Katori**, intaglio, 395 x 270 mm



19 Unknown bird and woman by **Tadayoshi Nakabayashi**, entitled not all things go bad, intaglio, 345 x 445 mm



20 Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax* sp.) and woman by **Hideo Yoshihara**, entitled woman and bird, intaglio, 165 x 225 mm



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