Introduction

One of Japan’s most famous designers of flower-and-bird prints is the 20th century artist Koson Ohara. His more than 500 designs for woodblock prints far outnumber those of any of his contemporaries. Many of these woodblock prints are shown in a book about his art, published in 2001. The book’s title page is shown on the right. The book’s authors note that “only those prints by the artist for which reproducible images were obtainable have been included. This has resulted in the insufficient representation of certain prints and formats such as those in the small souvenir ‘postcard’ size (c. 140 x 90 mm)”. The Reader Collection of Japanese Flower-and-Bird art includes 30 of Koson’s smaller print designs which were not in the book. These not-in-the-book prints are the subject of this virtual exhibition. The 30 prints are arranged by size, starting with the smallest. For each print the following information is given: names of the flowers and (or) birds depicted and print size.
1 Japanese laurel (*Aucuba japonica*) and Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*), 75 x 105 mm

2 Heavenly bamboo (*Nandina domestica*) and Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*), 90 x 140 mm
3 Cherry (*Prunus* sp.) and green peafowl (*Pavo muticus*), 90 x 140 mm

4 Japanese maple (*Acer palmatum*) and golden pheasant (*Chrysolophus pictus*), 95 x 145 mm
5  Little ringed plover (*Charadrius dubius*), 100 x 155 mm

6  Scops owl (*Otus* sp.), 105 x 155 mm
7 Copper pheasant (*Syrmaticus soemmerringii*), 100 x 145 mm

8 Large-billed crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*), 105 x 155 mm
9  Cherry (*Prunus* sp.) and Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*), 120 x 165 mm

10  Common snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*), 120 x 170 mm
11 White-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons*), 115 x 180 mm

12 Japanese white-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*), 120 x 180 mm
13 Cherry (*Prunus* sp.) and barn swallow (*Hirundo rustica*), 125 x 185 mm

14 Common reed (*Phragmites australis*) and white-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons*), 125 x 185 mm
15 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*), 95 x 200 mm

16 Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*). 130 x 185 mm
17. White-cheeked starling (*Sturnus cineraceus*), 145 x 205 mm

18. Large-billed crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*), 150 x 205 mm
19 Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 150 x 210 mm

20 Mallard duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*), 150 x 205 mm
21 Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*), 150 x 210 mm

22 Cherry (*Prunus* sp.) and Daurian redstart (*Phoenicurus auroreus*), 150 x 210 mm
23  Oriental reed warbler (*Acrocephalus orientalis*), 150 x 205 mm

24  Asiatic dayflower (*Commelina communis*) and Japanese quail (*Coturnix japonica*), 150 x 210 mm
25 Pomegranate (*Punica granatum*), scarlet macaw (*Ara macao*) and hyacinth macaw (*Amodorhynchus hyacinthinus*), 105 x 265 mm

26 Common reed (*Phragmites australis*) and white-fronted goose (*Anser albifrons*), 90 x 250 mm
27 Common reed (Phragmites australis) and mallard duck (Anas platyrhynchos), 175 x 255 mm

28 Black-headed gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus), 180 x 255 mm
29  China rose (*Rosa chinensis*) and canary (*Serinus canaria*), 185 x 255 mm

30  Japanese laurel (*Aucuba japonica*) and Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*), 85 x 250 mm