Japanese Bird Art, 1950 to present day

Part 3
Screenprints by 68 artists
Introduction

In the early 20th century screenprinting was first used by American artists to produce art prints. To make a screenprint a template of the design was first created using a screen, typically a piece of mesh fabric (e.g., silk, polyester) or less often a piece of porous paper, which was covered with a non-porous substance except in areas of the design. The template was then placed on top of a piece of paper and ink was applied. The ink only passed through areas of the screen not covered by the non-porous substance to reproduce the design on the paper below. For multi-colored prints multiple templates were made, one for each color.

Japanese graphic artists began to use screenprinting in the mid-20th century. Since then about ninety artists have made screenprints featuring a bird subject. Sixty-eight of these artists are represented in the Reader Collection of Japanese Art. This virtual exhibition includes an example of the bird art of each of these artists. Some artists (prints 1-11) chose to depict birds objectively (i.e., accurate shape and color) while the majority (prints 12-48) provided only a semi-objective view of their bird subject. The remaining artists (prints 49-68) were even more creative and intentionally distorted the shape and color of the birds they drew.

For each of the sixty-eight prints in this exhibition the following information is provided: name of the artist, name of the bird depicted (when identifiable), print title (if any) and print size.

Additional Reading

1 Red-crowned crane 
(*Grus japonensis*) by 
**Takeo Honma**, entitled 
dawn, 380 x 270 mm

2 Rock dove 
(*Columba livia*) by 
**Hideaki Katō**, entitled 
messenger from the 
gods – 2, 350 x 240 mm
3  Great tit *(Parus major)* by Masaru Aoyagi, 360 x 470 mm

4  Japanese grosbeak *(Eophona personata)* by Ikki Matsumoto, 360 x 415 mm
5  Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*) by Nobuo Shinagawa, 220 x 270 mm

6  Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*) by Masayasu Uchida, entitled gentle breeze, 360 x 470 mm
7  Long-tailed finch (*Phoephila acuticauda*), diamond firetail (*Stagonopleura guttata*), Gouldian finch (*Chloebia gouldiae*) and Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*) by **Masayoshi Kawa**, 240 x 260 mm

8  Common kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) by **Kiyoshi Asakura**, entitled *move*, 540 x 425 mm
9  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Sōhō Ikegami, entitled rays of the rising sun, 530 x 385 mm

10  Duck (*Anas* sp.) by Takehiko Konda, entitled birds of the cape, 490 x 385 mm
11 Red-crowned crane (Grus japonensis) by Yōhō Katō, entitled flight red Fuji, 280 x 200 mm

12 Swan (Cygnus sp.) by Toshisada Baba, entitled swans, 480 x 285
13 Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by **Masuiyama**, 330 x 475 mm

14 Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by **Kō Iimure**, entitled *song of the season five*, 300 x 395 mm
15 Flamingo 
*Phoenicopterus* sp.) by Minoru Tabata, entitled flamingo, 440 x 230 mm

16 Great egret (*Ardea alba*) by Tadayoshi Yamamoto, entitled north country phantom picture, 650 x 475
17  Eurasian eagle-owl (*Bubo bubo*) by Yukio Katsuda, entitled No. 124, 320 x 475 mm

18  Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*) by Hidenobu Ōshima, 210 x 275 mm
19 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by **Shinbō Kogure**, entitled *blue sky*, 260 x 205 mm

20 Gull (*Larus* sp.) by **Shigeyuki Ōhashi**, entitled *migration II*, 375 x 280 mm
21 Scops owl (*Otus* sp.) by **Akihiro Nakamura**, entitled happy owl, 160 x 200 mm

22 Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by **Tarō Gomi**, entitled domestic fowl, 290 x 290 mm
23 Daurian redstart (*Phoenicurus auroreus*) by Akiko Yoshimura, entitled Happy Wedding XXIV, 215 x 225 mm

24 Daurian redstart (*Phoenicurus auroreus*) by Masumi Ozawa, entitled ride on the bird, 135 x 165 mm
25  Hawk (Accipiter sp.) by Tetsuo Saitō, entitled flight, 510 x 455 mm

26  Black-headed gull (Chroicocephalus ridibundus) by Yutaka Takayanagi, entitled gull flying – Fuji, 420 x 300 mm
27  Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*) by Hisami Kunitake, entitled flying, 200 x 230 mm

28  Domestic goose (*Anser cygnoides*) by Kōtarō Yoshioka, entitled family, 245 x 275 mm
29  Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*) by **Ayaka Sen**, entitled *your health*, 200 x 275 mm

30  Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*) by **Yasuyuki Kobayashi**, entitled *sunset swing*, 645 x 765 mm
31 Hawk (Accipiter sp.) by Saburō Hattori, 275 x 340 mm
32 Hawk (Accipiter sp.) by Shigeru Sano, entitled dance, 310 x 360 mm
33  Crane (*Grus* sp.) by Shin‘ichi Yoshizu, entitled stardust, 480 x 365 mm

34  Swan (*Cygnus* sp.) by Fumiko Hori, entitled rose lake from the Nutcracker, 645 x 375 mm
35  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Seikō Kawachi, entitled flying – Hokusai, 500 x 750 mm

36  Scops owl (*Otus* sp.) by Masasuke Chiba, entitled autumn, 300 x 600 mm
37  Domestic fowl (Gallus gallus) by Nobuyoshi Koga, entitled greeting of love, 140 x 200 mm

38  Domestic fowl (Gallus gallus) by Hiroshi Kabe, entitled two, 195 x 270 mm
39 Scops owl (*Otus* sp.) by **Keisuke Ohba**, entitled love, 105 x 150 mm

40 Collared scops-owl (*Otus lettia*) by **George Ueda**, entitled collared scops owl – older brother, 125 x 165 mm
41 Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Taeko Takabe, 270 x 265 mm

42 Indian peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) by Asako Toyoizumi, entitled red bird, 185 x 190 mm
43 Macaw (*Ara* sp.) and unidentified birds by **Gō Yayanagi**, 450 x 455 mm

44 Japanese bush-warbler (*Cettia diphone*) by **Sadao Satō**, entitled plum crest A, 345 x 375 mm
45  Gull (*Larus* sp.) by Kōzō Inoue, entitled *gull IV*, 660 x 500 mm

46  Dove (*Columba livia*) by Seitarō Kuroda, 400 x 300 mm
47  Gull (Larus sp.) by Kenshi Nakamura, entitled seagull – JB, 260 x 260 mm

48  Owl (Famly Strigidae) by Tsutomu Uchiyama, entitled bird, 455 x 370 mm
49 Domestic fowl (Gallus gallus) by Masao Ohba, entitled red bird, 105 x 150 mm

50 Unidentified bird by Rokuichi Kaibara, entitled flight, 635 x 695 mm
51 Peafowl (*Pavo* sp.) by Yoshiko Sawa, 290 x 210 mm

52 Unidentified bird by Ay-Ō Iijima, entitled *sings – A*, 170 x 120 mm
53  Red-flanked bluetail (*Tarsiger cyanurus*) by *Yukio Koga*, entitled *oleander*, 370 x 290 mm

54  Unidentified bird by *Mari Aoe*, entitled *golden sky – on the bird of dreams*, 325 x 255 mm
55  Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*) by Shizuo Hariu, entitled owl, 505 x 645 mm

56  Mythical hō-ō bird by Kazuo Yoshizawa, entitled immortal bird, 360 x 535 mm
57  Unidentified bird by Yasoji Wakayama, entitled machine and bird, 300 x 275 mm

58  Unidentified bird by Hiroshi Kubota, 260 x 270 mm
59  Unidentified bird by K. Ouichi, entitled in the forest, 180 x 185 mm

60  Unidentified bird by Masao Kohmura, entitled bird to human space figure, 600 x 600 mm
61 Unidentified bird by **Kunio Imamura**, entitled *morning bird*, 350 x 450 mm

62 Unidentified bird by **Kunihide Matsumoto**, entitled *bird*, 210 x 245 mm
63  Unidentified bird by **Naoko Tanikawa**, entitled umbrella, 260 x 365 mm

64  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by **Katsuhiko Hibino**, 380 x 505 mm
65  Unidentified bird by Hiroyuki Ohnishi, 490 x 355 mm

66  Unidentified bird by N. Shintane, entitled cubic bird, 380 x 285 mm
67 Unidentified bird by Tetsurō Kimura, entitled bird tree, 650 x 790 mm

68 Unidentified bird by Fusako Yose, entitled music of Andean civilization 4, 280 x 380 mm

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