Japanese Bird Art, 1950 to present day

Part 4

Lithographic prints

by 86 artists
Introduction

Lithographic printmaking was invented in Germany in the late 18th century. To make a lithographic print (also called lithograph) the design was first drawn on the surface of a smooth slab of stone using a greasy substance that would readily absorb ink. Ink was then added and a piece of paper was placed on top of the inked surface. Finally, pressure was applied using a mechanical press to transfer the ink to paper. To make a multi-colored print this process was repeated using a different stone slab for each ink color.

In Japan, lithography was first used in the late 19th century. Lithographic printing was more cost-effective than the traditional method of woodblock printing when a very large number of copies was required. After World War II Japanese artists also started to use lithography to make limited-edition art prints. From the 1950s to date about 125 Japanese artists have made limited-edition lithographs featuring birds (i.e., bird prints). Bird prints by 86 of these artists are part of the Reader Collection of Japanese Art and this virtual exhibition includes an example of the work of each of these artists. Some artists (prints 1-26) drew birds objectively (i.e., true-to-life shape and color) while others (prints 27-65) drew birds only semi-objectively. The remaining artists (prints 66-86) were more creative and totally ignored true-to-life details of a bird’s shape and color.

For each of the 86 prints the following information is given: name of the bird depicted (when identifiable), name of the artist, print title (when titled) and print size.
1  Red-crowned crane
(*Grus japonensis*) by
**Akio Watanabe**, 550 x 440 mm

2  Daurian redstart
(*Phoenicurus auroreus*)
by **Yoshiki Nonouchi**,
entitled bird, 420 x 340 mm
3 Great tit (*Parus major*) by **Atsushi Uemura**, entitled *autumn field*, 660 x 540 mm

4 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by **Chūsaku Ōyama**, 580 x 430 mm
5  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by **Otohiko Matsumura**, 570 x 430 mm

6  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by **Akihisa Miwa**, 575 x 470 mm
7 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Katashi Oyama, entitled *blue flying*, 680 x 460 mm

8 Whooper swan (*Cygnus cygnus*) by Kiju Ikeda, entitled *Yatsugatake journey*, 480 x 350 mm
9 Narcissus flycatcher (*Ficedula narcissina*) by **Mutsuo Kawashima**, 660 x 485 mm

10 Red-billed leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*) by **Hiroshi Takeyama**, 550 x 430 mm
11 Great tit (*Parus major*) by **Akira Nakanishi**, entitled **tits and berries**, 330 x 505 mm

12 Albino Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*) by **Masami Iwata**, 495 x 655 mm
13  Japanese white-eye 
(Zosterops japonicus) by Masao 
Kobayashi, 570 x 490 mm

14  Gull (Larus sp.) by Koji 
Kinutani, entitled seagull in 
Venice, 570 x 450 mm
15  Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*) by Hideo Yoshihara, entitled little bird, 320 x 450 mm

16  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Kunio Satô, entitled white moon, 540 x 685 mm
17  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Keiichi Kiyohara, 465 x 550 mm

18  Swan (*Cygnus* sp.) by Kaoru Sueki, entitled light wind, 350 x 485 mm
19 Peafowl (*Pavo* sp.) by Shigeru Izumi, entitled peacock, 300 x 420 mm

20 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Meiji Hashimoto, 480 x 600 mm
21 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Taiji Hamada, 580 x 475 mm

22 Oriental turtle-dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*) by Junsaku Koizumi, entitled oriental turtle-dove picture, 530 x 360 mm
23  Whooper swan (*Cygnus cygnus*) by Takayoshi Nakayama, entitled swan, 370 x 480 mm

24  Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*) by Yoshio Itoda, entitled Java sparrow and rose, 350 x 500 mm
25 Laughing kookabura (*Dacelo novaeguineae*) by Masami Yamada, entitled kookaburra in eucalyptus, 615 x 500 mm

26 Green peafowl (*Pavo muticus*) by Sanrei Kodama, entitled green peafowl, 655 x 500 mm
27  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Kazuho Hieda, 540 x 635 mm

28  Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*) by Susumu Maki, entitled luxuriante, 380 x 440 mm
29  Siamese fireback pheasant (*Lophura diardi*), yellow-breasted magpie (*Cissa hypoleuca*) and Ryūkyū robin (*Erithacus komadori*) by Shōkō Uemura, entitled pheasant beneath the trees, 630 x 455 mm

30  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Tatsuoki Ichino, entitled paired cranes, 535 x 405 mm
31 Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Naondo Nakamura, 565 x 765 mm

32 Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Kazumi Amano, 270 x 390 mm
33  Red-crowned crane *(Grus japonensis)* by **Mirei Kodama**, entitled crane month, 660 x 500 mm

34  Golden eagle *(Aquila chrysaetos)* by **Kunitarō Suda**, 530 x 450 mm
35  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Nobuyuki Ōura, 390 x 515 mm

36  Swan (*Cygnus* sp.) by Iwami Furusawa, entitled LXXIV, 455 x 635 mm
37 Bohemian waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) by C. Miyasaka, 345 x 500 mm

38 Albino Java sparrow (*Padda oryzivora*) by Hiroko Ogihara, entitled spring white, 350 x 455 mm
39  Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by **Wasaburō Itozono**, 435 x 520 mm

40  Great tit (*Parus major*) by **Kumiko Kita**, entitled lily, 380 x 505 mm
41  White-naped crane (*Grus vipio*) by Yasuo Kazuki, 460 x 610 mm

42  Scops owl (*Otus* sp.) by Tatsuhiro Kaneda, entitled owl, 440 x 560 mm
43  Cockatoo (*Cacatua* sp.) by **Hiroshi Tada**, 360 x 360 mm

44  Japanese robin (*Erithacus akahige*) by **Hideo Kawahara**, 500 x 650 mm
45  Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by Shingo Imai, entitled birds and autumn leaves, 270 x 360 mm

46  Great tit (*Parus major*) and brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*) by Chōsei Miwa, entitled bird, 430 x 600 mm
47  Rock dove (*Columba livia*)
by Yoshitatsu Yanagihara,
entitled *dove 3*, 575 x 440 mm

48  Rock dove (*Columba livia*)
by Masataka Ōyabu, 460 x 330 mm
49 Scops owl (*Otus* sp.) by Yoshiaki Kuwata, entitled in peace No. 2, 275 x 395 mm

50 Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) by Wasaburō Hattori, 325 x 445 mm
51  Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*) by **Makoto Fukawa**, entitled two birds, 230 x 250 mm

52  Ural owl (*Strix uralensis*) by **Akio Watanabe**, entitled it has also, 270 x 270 mm
53  Gull (*Larus* sp.) by Jun’ichi Ubukata, 505 x 350 mm

54  Hummingbird (Family Trochilidae) by Shōmei Yoh, entitled the elephant’s dream garden, 500 x 260 mm
55  Japanese bush-warbler (*Cettia diphone*) by Yoshihiro Shimoda, 335 x 275 mm

56  Snowy owl (*Bubo scandiacus*) by Shigehiro Negishi, entitled alone, 500 x 350 mm
57 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by *Yoshi Kinouchi*, 505 x 660 mm

58 Spot-billed duck (*Anas poecilorhyncha*) by *Noriko Iino*, entitled *a spotbill duck*, 345 x 480 mm
59  Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by Einosuke Hiratani, 450 x 590 mm

60  Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by Gikō Hayakawa, entitled 'starry night', 255 x 305 mm
61 Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) by Sachyio Doi, 350 x 475 mm

62 Domestic goose (*Anser cygnoides*) by Shin Hongō, entitled entertaining bird, 385 x 490 mm
63 Indian peafowl (*Pavo cristatus*) by Motomi Tsunoda, entitled Fuji birds – parenting, 210 x 295 mm

64 Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by Teruo Ōnuma, entitled bird II, 360 x 420 mm
65 Ostrich (*Struthio camelis*) and penguin (*Spheniscus* sp.) by Yūji Umetsu, 320 x 375 mm

66 Unidentified bird by Yoshinobu Masuda, 385 x 565 mm
67  Unidentified bird by Kiyoshi Awazu, entitled blue bird, 280 x 415 mm

68  Unidentified bird by Seijirō Katō, entitled bird, 240 x 315 mm
69  Unidentified bird by **Makoto Sakurai**, 460 x 605 mm

70  Unidentified bird by **Setsuko N.**, 350 x 450 mm
71 Unidentified bird by Kazu Wakita, entitled bird and fruit, 485 x 380 mm

72 Unidentified bird by Shūichi Ono, entitled bird face, 650 x 500 mm
73  Dove (*Columba* sp.) by **Naomi Hashimoto**, entitled *uccello*, 200 x 200 mm

74  Unidentified bird by **Hiromi Kawabe**, entitled *hopping 1*, 385 x 300 mm
75  Unidentified bird by **Masanari Murai**, entitled **bird**, 570 x 760 mm

76  Owl (Family Strigidae) by **Hiroaki Yoshioka**, entitled **owl A**, 455 x 635 mm
77  Crane (Grus sp.) by Shūji Wakō, entitled folded crane (spool), 385 x 565 mm

78  Unidentified bird by Tadashi Suguro, 80 x 90 mm
79 Unidentified bird by Yoshikane Mita, entitled bird in the countryside, 500 x 350 mm

80 Unidentified bird by Kōsuke Kimura, entitled bird’s voice, 200 x 130 mm
81  Unidentified bird by Takeshi Takikawa, 610 x 455 mm

82  Unidentified bird by Junko Ozaki, entitled right tree – d, 360 x 315 mm
83 Unidentified bird by Masami Sugiura, 385 x 475 mm

84 Unidentified birds by Takasumi Sema, 310 x 410 mm
85  Unidentified bird by Asako Sasaki, entitled bird, 455 x 620 mm

86  Unidentified bird by Keiji Fukuchi, entitled bird, 350 x 500 mm