Part 6
SHIKISHI
by 50 artists
Introduction

Shikishi is the Japanese name for a paper-covered fiber board used primarily by Japanese painters and calligraphers for their art. It is relatively small in size and almost square (i.e., typically 245 x 275 mm) with a border resembling gold leaf. Fifty examples of shikishi from the Reader Collection of Japanese Art are presented in this virtual exhibition. The Reader Collection focuses on flower and bird art so the fifty examples are pictures of flowers and (or) birds, each by a different artist who was active during the last half of the 20th century. While each artist had a unique style, their pictures can be grouped based on the level of accuracy they used to depict their flower and bird subjects. Some artists (examples 1-22) drew them objectively (i.e., accurate shape and color) while other artists (examples 13-50) drew them semi-objectively (i.e., less accurate shape and [or] color). Even when drawn only semi-objectively a species’ identity was unmistakable so its name is given along with artist’s name for each of the fifty examples. The size of each shikishi is 245 x 275 mm, unless otherwise stated.
1 Blue-and-white flycatcher
(Cyanoptila cyanomelana) by
Asao Hayashi
2 Common kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*) by Bungyo Nakatani
3 Narcissus flycatcher (Ficedula narcissina) by Hōshun Yamaguchi
4 Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Taisei Satō
5  Japanese bush-warbler
(*Cettia diphone*) by Shunpō Oguri
6 Japanese bush-warbler (*Cettia diphone*) by Hakurei Matsuura
7 Japanese bush-warbler
(*Cettia diphone*) by Yuchiku Kosugi
8 Japanese bush-warbler 
(*Cettia diphone*) by Ōgetsu Yamamoto
9 Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by **Shunsui Fujita**
10  Japanese white-eye
(Zosterops japonicus) by Köhō Shimada
Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by **Tadanobu Tajima**
12 Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by Tōse Moriyama
Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by
Gyokushō Matsumashi
14  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Yōki Shimizu
15  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Fuyohiko Yanagihara, 120 x 135 mm
16  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Isao Kawahara
17 Eurasian tree sparrow 
(*Passer montanus*) by Ryōhei Kimura
18  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Hirozō Murata
Great tit (*Parus major*) by Kōun Mutō
20  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by **Kazan Oshima**
21  Red-crowned crane (*Grus japonensis*) by Masayuki Ōno
Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by
Keigetsu Sugiura
23  Great tit (*Parus major*) by Keiju Imai
Common kingfisher (Alcedo atthis) by Kōgetsu Koizumi
25 Japanese bush-warbler
(*Cettia diphone*) by *Hiroshi Kuboi*
Great tit (*Parus major*) by Shōhō Mizumo
Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*) by Yoshio Miura, 245 x 335 mm
28  Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by *Kingyo*
Nishimura
29 Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by Hōshun Hino
Great tit (*Parus major*) by Hiroshi Matsui
Blue-and-white flycatcher (Cyanoptila cyanomelana) by Kōyō Suzuki
32 Japanese bush-warbler
(*Cettia diphone*) by Saihō Matsuo
Mandarin duck (Aix galericulata) by Kazune Kanetane
Red-flanked bluetail (Tarsiger cyanurus) by Hōgetsu Jinbo
35  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Hiromu Yamagata
Gray wagtail (*Motacilla cinerea*) by Koji Satō
37  Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by
Kichiyuki Satō, 120 x 140 mm
Japanese bush-warbler 
(*Cettia diphone*) by *Kiyoshi Terashima*
Japanese white-eye (Zosterops japonicus) by Ryōen Yamaguchi
Blue-and-white flycatcher (*Cyanoptila cyanomelana*) by Seika Tsuji
Eurasian tree sparrow
(*Passer montanus*) by Sensō Aizu
Daurian redstart
(*Phoenicurus auroreus*) by
Seihō Matsuda
43  Great tit (*Parus major*)
by Kōsen Iwashita
Long-tailed tit (Aegithalos caudatus) by Shūsō Katō, 335 x 240 mm
45 Eurasian jay (*Garrulus glandarius*) by Hideharu Morita, 240 x 335 mm
46  White wagtail
(Motacilla alba) by Seikan Terada
Japanese white-eye (Zosterops japonicus) by Kakuzan Hayashi
Rock dove (*Columba livia*) by Tadashi Yoshii
Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Rokkendō Fujiwara
50  Domestic fowl (*Gallus gallus*) by Kashō Yoshida