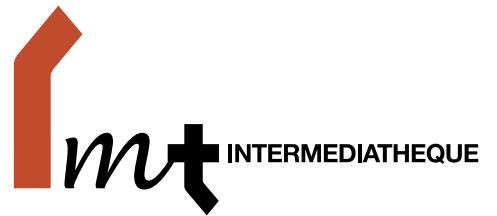


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Special Exhibition

“Aves Japonicae (7) –Every Day is Bird Day”

July 2021

Exhibition Highlights

- Drawings of birds and the corresponding specimens shown side by side.
- Why he drew ordinarily, daily bird after dedicated himself to the art.
- Present entire one roll divided into three parts.
- The artist's and scientist's eye compared.

Overview of the exhibition

This exhibition reconstructs how Japanese artists gazed at birds, by showing drawings and the corresponding bird specimens side by side.

Kawabe Kakyo's *Sketches of Birds* series is a handbook for Japanese drawing called *funpon*, serving so to speak as a reference specimen drawn on paper. In this exhibition, we present an entire roll of the picture rather than focusing on any specific parts. A note on the volume states, “showing this roll to *persona non grata* is forbidden.” Thus, the roll was likely important for the artist and their school. The birds drawn here are, unexpectedly, rather common species. Neither the gorgeous Peacock nor the Hawk, which is necessary for the Japanese arts. Common birds that can be seen daily, are depicted realistically and sometimes fancy foreign birds have inserted. Our aim is to depict the artist's unaltered, ordinary days that are entirely devoted to art, in contrast to our time during the pandemic.

This roll is 16 m long and will be shown divided into three parts. We hope you have a pleasant experience through this exhibition series.

Key Information

Title: Special Exhibition “*Aves Japonicae* 7 –Every Day is Bird Day”

Dates: July 26, 2021 –January 10, 2022

Opening Hours: 11 am–6 pm (open until 8 pm on Fridays and Saturdays) *Opening hours may change.

Closed on: Mondays (or the following Tuesday if Monday is a National Holiday)and New-Year holidays. May close irregularly.

Venue: Intermediatheque 3F [STUDIOLO]

Organizer: The University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT)

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Admission: Free of charge

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