

PRESS RELEASE

Special Exhibition

“*Aves Japonicae* 〈8〉 – The World of Imperial Artifacts”

July 2022

Main Features of the Exhibition

- Present supreme bird taxidermies that donated to the Imperial Household
- Please note not only the skillfully made specimen, but also well-finished cases.
- The histories we can read thorough the specimen, such as the first penguin specimen that is caught in Japan’s first Antarctic expedition.

Overview of the Exhibition

Once upon a time, stuffed specimen was quite important reference for study, therefore the specimen collection represented academic studies. Often those collections were occupied by riches and nobles, so that the specimen must have been classic and beautiful to satisfy the owners’ aesthetic eyes. Thus, the specimen became a valuable artifact, together with well-prepared pedestals and cases.

In this exhibition, we present the superb specimen that were donated to Imperial household which includes the first penguin Japanese caught. Those are transferred to Yamashina Institute for Ornithology and now deposited to Intermediatheque.

The collection is associated with so many aspects, such as Imperial taxidermist, Shinjuku Gyoen national garden, auspicious signs, mysterious specimen and so on. We provide an occasion to observe, or to judge, and to appreciate the collection from multiple aspects such as research materials, historical records or artistic masterpieces.

Key Information

[Title] Special Exhibition “*Aves Japonicae* 〈8〉 – The World of Imperial Artifacts ”

[Dates] July 26 – October 23, 2022

[Opening Hours] 11:00-18:00 (Open until 20:00 on Fridays and Saturdays) *Opening hours may change.

[Closed on] Mondays (if Monday is a National Holiday, the museum is closed the following Tuesday), September 5-12. See our website.

[Venue] Intermediatheque 3F [STUDIOLO]

[Organizer] The University Museum, the University of Tokyo (UMUT)

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[Admission] Free of charge

[Access] JR lines and Tokyo Metro Marunouchi line Tokyo Station (Marunouchi South Exit).

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