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Nature #10  
River

# Tama River

Theme **Bird Watching**

The kingfisher, sometimes called Seiryu no Hoseki in Japanese ("clear water treasure"), has long been a common sight on the Tama River. A wide variety of birds inhabit the area, in both aquatic and grassland varieties. Enjoy this wild bird sanctuary.

## INFORMATION

- 🕒 About 1 hr 3.7 km
- 🚶 8min. walk from Seiseki-Sakuragaoka Station (Keio Line).
- 📞 Tama City Economic and Tourism Division  
042-338-6830
- 🐦 Wild Bird Society of Japan, Tokyo  
03-5273-5141(12:00~16:30 on Mondays).



Teal  
The smallest wild duck.  
You can see they rest  
at a waterside.



# Tama River Birdwatching

The Tama River bed is home to a variety of birds. Springtime is marked by the songs of skylarks and pheasants, with swallows and great reed warblers common in summer. Throughout autumn and winter, you can see various duck species, goshawks, and predatory peregrine falcons. Kingfishers and herons are common throughout the year. The Wild Bird Society of Japan gathers here on the first day of each month. (Wild Bird Society of Japan, Tokyo)



## 1. Tama River Trail

Built on a raised bank, this trail allows both walkers and cyclists. Grass grows on the riverbed, with park and athletic areas interspersed.

Grey Wagtail  
They feed toddling with swinging their tail up and down.



## 2. Sekido Bridge

This bridge connects the cities of Tama and Fuchu. In clear weather, you can watch Mt. Fuji on the horizon while the sun sets.



Oriental Greenfinch  
Its tail has a notch like a fishtail.  
They gather in a group in the bush of reverbed.



Little Egret  
It has black legs with yellow fingers. They feed in the shallow waterside like river and paddy field.

## 3. Tama River Park

## 4. Sekido Park

Baseball park in riverbed.  
📍 3-5 Sekido, Tama-shi

Kotsu Park



## 5. Bird Watching Platform

Take your time watching birds from a roofed platform.

Kingfisher  
Its feature is brilliant cobalt blue colored wings and a big beak. They often act alone.

## 6. River Trail

This breezy trail runs by a tributary to the Okurigawa River.



## 7. Okawara Park

This waterside park is dotted with natural stones that you can sit on.  
📍 2-19-4 Sekido, Tama-shi



Seiseki-Sakuragaoka Station

Kawasaki highway

