



Relaxation #08
Heartthrob

Hatonosu (Nishi River)

Theme **Floating Lights**

Fireflies flutter in the early summer evening.
Their ephemeral light makes you forget any
weariness as it conjures a world of mythic lore.

Beckoned by rejuvenating glow,

yield to the fireflies
tremendous allure

Fireflies symbolize the beautiful waterside. The light that floats in the dark is proof that abundant nature remains. Lose yourself in the glow.

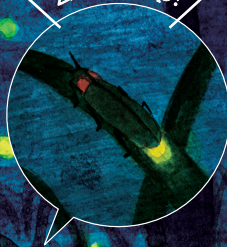
Why do fireflies glow?

Well, most of the Genji fireflies that fly while emitting light are male. There are multiple reasons, such as to propose and to warn.

When is the best time to see them?

The best time to behold them is from late June to early July. They are most active from about 2 hours after sunset.

Zoom Up!



Where exactly do they call home?

Fireflies choose a place with clean water. Genji fireflies live in narrow rivers, and Heike fireflies live in paddy fields and ponds.

Shall we catch them to use as living ornaments?

No! It is strictly forbidden to catch fireflies. Artificial light such as that of a flashlight is also prohibited.



Okutama

Hatonosu Valley

The Tama River flows along rocky outcrops. Fireflies dwell here. Every June the "Firefly Festival" is held at the Hatonosu Parking Lot.



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Fussa

Hotaru Park

Hotaru Park is the main venue for the Fussa Firefly Festival. Over 500 cultivated Genji fireflies dance in mutual delight every June.



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Hachioji

Yukake Koyake Fureai no Sato

"Firefly Evening" is held every June for two weeks. Over 2,500 fireflies are released to be viewed along the Kita Asa River.



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