

# Japan

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## **Itinerary :**

14-12 : Flight Luxembourg - Tokyo via Copenhagen. Take of 10h05.

15-12 : Arriving at Tokyo (Narita) at 10h40. Take a car and go to Karuizawa (12h to 15h45). Installation at the Ariake Lodge. Meeting with Motoi Inoue « Picchio » to see Giant Flying Squirrel (16h15 to 18h30).

16-12 : Karuizawa. Get up 5h30, breakfast and go at 6h30. Observations at the close forest. We found 1 Cooper Pheasant male.

Afternoon, we took the road north of Karuizawa. We found a track at the foot of the Volcano Asama (2568 m), we walked 2 hours.

Walk in the forest for Cooper Pheasant. Stay at Ariake Lodge.

17-12 : Forest in the morning and Saku lake afternoon. Forest late afternoon.

Stay at Ariake Lodge.

18-12 : Forest at Karuizawa at the morning (30 Japanese Macaques) and road to Tokyo. Flight Tokyo (Haneda) 16h30 to Kagoshima 18h30. Drive to Arazaki. Stay at Minsuku Tsurumi-Tei.

19-12 : Observations at Arazaki at the morning : We saw 5 species of Crane and 2 Black-faced Spoonbill. A Japanese birdwatcher gave us a place for Scaly-sided Merganser ! We found 4 females and 1 male. Fantastic.

Stay at Minsuku Tsurumi-Tei.

20-12 : Observations at Arazaki at the morning. After road to Kogawa-Damu dam, where we saw 100 Mandarin Duck. After, road to Miike Lake where we arrive at 15h. Observations around the lake and after around the little lake (Ko-ike pond).

Night at the Ohjibaru Recreation Center.

Night drive after diner.

21-12 : Walk around Mi-ike Lake between 8 and 11h. After, drive to Kadogawa. Night at Kadogawa in a Onsen.

22-12 : Kadogawa at the morning (until 13h), we found 1 Japanese Murrelet at Cape Hyuga. After road to Hitotsugawa Estuary (great place): We saw 17 Black-faced Spoonbill, Falcated Duck and a female of Baikal Teal. We go at 16h30 arriving at Kadogawa 18h35. Flight to Kagoshima 20h45 to Tokyo (Haneda) 22h15. Night at the Haneda airport.

23-12 : Flight Tokyo (Haneda) 8h50 to Kushiro (Hokkaido) 10h25. We take our car at Toyota rental and drive along the sea until Furen-Ko. Arriving at Lodge Furen 17h and meet with Takeyoshi Matsuo.

24-12 : Observations at Nemuro peninsula and after road to Rausu.

Stay at Minshuku Washi-No-Yado. Observations of Blackiston's Fish Owl.

25-12 : Shiretoko peninsula by car. Stay at Rausu at Minshuku Washi-No-Yado. Snow storm during the night.

26-12 : Snow storm during the morning. At 6h45 we go to lodge Furen. After noon, walk in the forest. Stay at Lodge Furen. Meeting with Neil Davidson.

27-12 : We have waiting until 8h for a boat trip but it don't go. We live lodge Furen at 8h15 for the Red-crowned Crane sites close to Kushiro. At 15h30, we arrive at the Kushiro airport.

Flight Kushiro 17h10 to Tokyo (Haneda) 19H00. We took the Tokyo Monorail until the pier.

Boat at 22H20 to Hachijo-Jima. Night in the boat.

28-12 : Observations from the boat and arriving Hachijo-Jima at 9H20.

We go to « botanical garden » in first until 12h. After have some good information at the visitor centre, we go to the mountain. Il nous renseigne un endroit en montagne pour observer les endémiques. We bird this place until the night.

29-12 : We go at the same place that 28 but the weather is bad and we come back for the Botanical garden.

Boat at 10h for Tokyo. The sea is forte with waves 4 to 5 metres. Very good observations until the night. The Short-tailed Albatross are see after 5h30 searching ! Arriving at Tokyo 20H30.

Tokyo Monorail until Haneda airport. Night at the airport.

30-12 : We took a bus at 6h25 at Haneda airport to Narita Airport.

Take off Tokyo (Narite) at 11h15. Arriving Zurich at 16h. Take of 17h15 to Luxembourg. During the flight the plane had a problem the plane come back to Zurich! The generator was broken. Take off Zurich in another plane at 19h30, arriving Luxembourg 20h20.

Took my car and drive to my house in Belgium.

Great trip!

Japon du 15 au 29 décembre 2012.															
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Cooper Pheasant		1m													
Japanese Green Pheasant			1m												
Whooper Swan									V	V	V	V	V		
Common Shelduck					1			V							
Mandarin Duck						V									
Gadwall			2					V							
Falcated Duck					2m	8		3m	40						
Eurasian Wigeon			V	V	V	V	V	V	V			V			
Mallard		V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V			
Eastern Spot-billed Duck		V	V	V	V	V	V	V							
Northern Shoveler									V						
Northern Pintail			V		V	V	V	V	V						
Baikal Teal								1f							
Eurasian Teal			V	V	V	V	V	V	V		V				
Common Pochard			V			V		V							
Tufted Duck			V		V	V	V	V	V						
Greater Scaup			1						V		V	V			
Harlequin Duck							1m		V	V	V				
White-winged Scoter stejnegeri									2						
Black Scoter									V	V	V				
Long-tailed Duck									V	V					
Common Goldeneye			V						V	V	V	V	V		
Smew			V												
Goosander									1		V	V			
Red-breasted Merganser									V	V	V	V			
Scaly-sided Merganser					4f 1m										
Red-throated Diver										V	V				
Black-throated Diver											1				
Laysan Albatross														50	100
Black-footed Albatross														10	V
Short-tailed Albatross															2
Bonin Petrel															8
Streaked Shearwater															2
Little Grebe			1			V	V	V	V						
Red-necked Grebe									V	V	V				
Great Crested Grebe							V	V	V						
Slavonian Grebe												2			

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Black-necked Grebe							V	1	V	V					
Black-faced Spoonbill					2			17							
Black-crowned Night Heron								1							
Grey Heron			V	1	V	V	V	V	V				1		
Great White Egret			2		V	V	V	V							
Little Egret					V	V	V	V							
Pacific Reef Egret							V	V							
Brown Booby								1							
Great Cormorant	V		V	V	V	V	V	V	V						
Temminck's Cormorant											2			2	
Pelagic Cormorant									V	V	V	V			1
Red-faced Cormorant										2					
Eurasian Kestrel					1			2							
Merlin												1			
Peregrine Falcon							1	2	V						
Osprey					1	V	V	V							
Black-eared Kite			V	2	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V		
White-tailed Sea Eagle									V	V	V	V	V		
Steller's Sea Eagle									V	V	V	V	V		
Eastern Marsh Harrier								1f							
Eurasian Sparrowhawk						V			V						
Eastern Buzzard ssp japonicus												1	V	1	1
Common Moorhen					V										
Common Coot			V		V	V	V	V	V						
Siberian Crane					1	1									
Sandhill Crane					11	2									
White-naped Crane					V	V									
Common Crane					4	1									
Hooded Crane					V	V									
Red-crowned Crane									3			2	V		
Black-winged Stilt			V												
Pacific Golden Plover															4
Northern Lapwing					V										
Long-billed Plover					4			2							
Eurasian Curlew								1							
Common Sandpiper					V	V	V	V							
Sanderling															V
Black-tailed Gull							V	V							V
Kamchatka (Common) Gull									V	V	V	V			





