

Personal Museum of Natural History

"All that you've loved is all your own" - Tom Waits

Welcome to our online museum of natural history.

This museum's annex, called "*Wildlife Portraits Blog*" is now opened in blog format. While we keep our exhaustive approach with this main site, the new annex will be more visual art oriented, treating always the same photographic subject. The text will be only in Japanese, but you can navigate and view images.

Instead of displaying bones or stuffed dead animals, we offer you our collections of photographs, taken in Japan and other places including Malaysia, Thailand, Bhutan, Suriname, Namibia, Taiwan, Polynesian Islands, France and Australia, among others. Every picture displayed here represents (in principle) an animal, a plant or a fungus we met at a certain place on the globe, and at a certain moment in our life - so we named this site "*personal museum*" because its collections also consist of our personal favoritism, experiences and memories.

We are not birders or collectors who look all over the world for rarest species to make their "*life list*" more complete. Rather, we are usual walkers or travellers just looking for unexpected encounters. We take a photo simply when we feel happy to meet something, and basically don't care how rare it is. That is why you find here many pictures of *tree sparrow* or *house cat*, and *milk cow* is displayed next to *chamois*.

At the moment, the museum contains 6 sectors and each sector has 4 to 65 galleries.

Our Policies

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Our Collections

- * Our collections only comprise photographs of the lives we have actually encountered by chance. None of them was taken automatically.
- * We don't use any bait, scent, artificial roost, tape-recorder or other unfair method to lure birds or animals. We often talk to them with our own whistle or voice, but never try to provoke mobbing.
- * Except for '*chained mammals*' section, our collections do not comprise any animal in captivity. They may include, however, domesticated mammals freely walking, wandering or reposing at the time of our "*meeting*".
- * Similarly, you will only find plants and fungi growing wild. Rare exceptions include farm products like finger millet or rape flowers.

Our Pictures (revised July 2008)

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