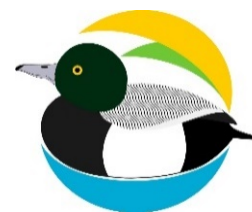


The Nature Club of Kasai Rinkai Park and Kasai Marine Park

葛西東渚・鳥類園友の会

Introduction



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Message from the Chairman 🌿🌸🌿🌸🌿🌸



We hope that things are going well for you. We appreciate your interest in our club.

We are based in two Tokyo metropolitan parks: Kasai Rinkai Park and Kasai Marine Park. The parks were built to serve as a symbol of environmental conservation efforts and are popular with many people as unique urban parks rich in biodiversity.

In accordance with the purpose of establishing those parks, we have been involved in a variety of activities to improve them.

As a volunteer organization, we serve nature selflessly and are grateful for the blessings nature provides.

If you are interested in what we do, please join us and enjoy the nature that surrounds you.

Nobuya Iida

Representative and Chairman of the Club

Established in May 2000

Nonprofit civic organization

Number of members: 107 (As of June 2018)

Members of the Board of Caretakers: 9

(A new fiscal year begins in April every year and members of the Board of Caretakers are elected at the general meeting/one-year term.)

Representative and Chairman of the Club: Nobuya Iida

Our mission

1. Restore the rich natural environment of biodiversity to Kasai Rinkai Park and Kasai Marine Park and the areas surrounding them.
2. Foster a love and respect for nature in local residents.

Our activities

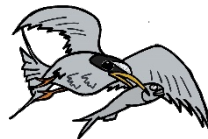


1. Every month, we pick up trash and observe the living organisms around Higashi-Nagisa; examine the water quality while catching and studying aquatic organisms; observe plants, insects, wild birds, and spiders; gather vines to make wreaths; mow the kudzu, cut the Japanese timber bamboo, provide bamboo workshops, and sponsor indoor lectures.

We promote our activities in the *Edogawa City Newsletter* and local newspapers (*Kasai Shimbun* and others), and we extend invitations to members and local residents to participate in these activities. Our activities are supported by a grant from the Edogawa Eco Center.

2. We carry out the following activities on the first and third Saturdays of each month in cooperation with the nonprofit organization the Center for Ecological Education (its members are stationed at the Bird Watching Center in the Bird Sanctuary on Saturdays and Sundays) or on our own and on the second and fourth Wednesdays or Thursdays.
 1. Improve the environment by cutting the grass at the freshwater pond commonly called Tambo
 2. Cut the kudzu around the Upper Pond and the north side of the Lower Pond
 3. Thin and trim the Japanese timber bamboo in the areas listed above
 4. Create a miniature hill for kingfishers to nest and maintain the potential nesting sites of black-winged stilts and the area around the hill
3. We participate and display exhibits at the Volunteer Festival and the Edogawa Citizens Festival hosted by Edogawa City. <https://choruien2.exblog.jp/22748247>

Observation of



plants, wild birds, insects, and spiders

We hold each event once a year. Kasai Rinkai Park opened in 1989. Since then, a variety of plants have grown, wild birds have settled in or stopped to rest during migrations, and the number of insects and spiders have increased. Experts from each field introduce species names and explain the ecology of the parks to participants in ways that are easy to understand. Participants of different ages enjoy observing the living organisms.

Plant observation (2016/04/09)

Treasures, Lecture



Wild bird watching

Treasures, Lecture



Insect watching and handling

Meeting, Lecture



Spider observation (2016/05/28)

Argiope amoena, Spider observation



Study of water quality and aquatic organisms

This event is held at the Bird Sanctuary once or twice a year. We give participants a permit to enter the freshwater pond and the blackish-water pond, which are normally off limits to the public. Participants enter the ponds with nets to catch fish, crabs, shrimp, shellfish, and aquatic bugs. More than 30 species can be caught at times, and we have observed several endangered species designated by Tokyo Prefecture. Participants receive explanations from experts while watching the species in a tank. After the observations, the caught organisms are released back into the ponds. In addition, we collect water at several sampling points in both ponds to measure salinity, dissolved oxygen, and pH levels. Because pollutants are deposited on the bottom of the freshwater lake, we are concerned about water pollution.

Study of aquatic organisms

The Upper Pond “What have you got?”

Examination of water quality of the Upper Pond



The Lower Pond



Study result presentation



Family workshop



(Learning and crafting)

We sponsored an indoor lecture in the lecture room of Kasai Rinkai Park's Bird Sanctuary. Participants learned about the familiar plants, insects, wild birds, and other living organisms in Kasai and Edogawa City to understand the importance of conserving biodiversity. Since the year before last, we started to host bamboo workshops for families using Japanese timber bamboo cut from the Bird Sanctuary. Children immediately started playing with bamboo copters and water guns they made with a knife as their eyes sparkled with delight. At the end of each year, we have an annual wreath-making workshop where participants can enjoy making original wreaths. We first mow the kudzu in the Bird Sanctuary and then create a circular shape with its vines and decorate it with nuts.

Water gun workshop

"Participants cut bamboo"

"Participants make water guns"

"Successfully made. Shooting water at once!"

Bamboo copter workshop

Participants make bamboo copters



Kudzu gathering to make wreaths



Illuminating lecture (2014/11/01)

With an insect expert as the lecturer, participants learned about insects that thrive in urban environments.



Kudzu mowing (2012/05/06)

Working in so-called Tambo ⇒After (2013/06/15)

Higashi-Nagisa Cleanup Operation ⇒After



Activities to improve the environment

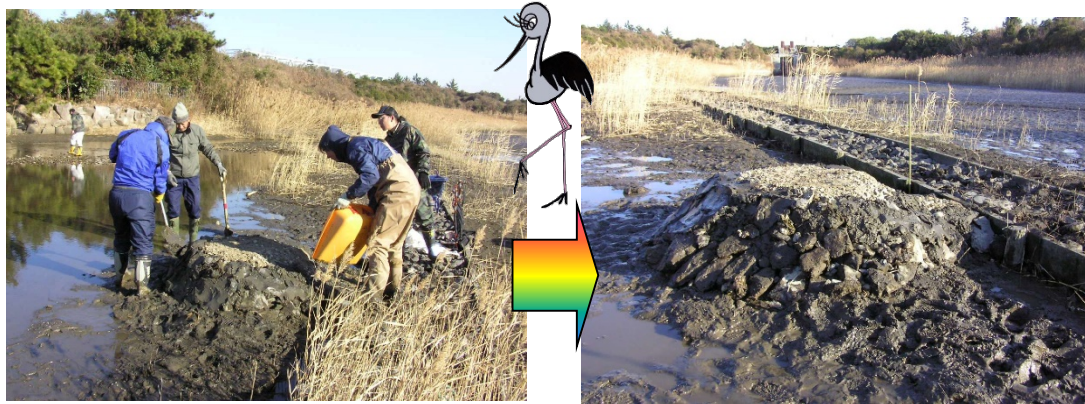
(cut reeds, vines, Japanese timber bamboo, and grasses and drifted trash pickup)



Reeds, vines, Japanese timber bamboo, and weeds will grow out of control and damage the habitats of living organisms when left unattended. Through special events and regular activities by volunteers four times a month, we work to improve the environment of the Bird Sanctuary. In addition, we enter Higashi-Nagisa, the area that is normally off limits to protect wild birds, by boat to pick up drifted trash twice a year. After picking up the trash, we hold a mini event to observe the plants, wild birds, fish and shellfish, and benthic organisms.

Activities to conserve and maintain nesting sites for black-winged stilts and kingfishers

(Maintenance of egg-laying sites for black-winged stilts/Maintenance of miniature hills for kingfishers)



Maintenance of egg-laying sites for black-winged stilts 2006/1 Issue No.1

The Bird Sanctuary was one of the few breeding sites of black-winged stilts for about 10 years after its opening. Thus, we thought that black-winged stilts might start breeding in the Bird Sanctuary again if we improved and maintained their nesting sites. We started work to improve and maintain the egg-laying sites with the approval of many supporters.



Repair of a miniature hill for kingfishers to nest in 2011/11-2012/2

In July 2004, we started = work to create and maintain a miniature hill for kingfishers to nest on the slope on the south side of the so-called Tambo in the Bird Sanctuary. In 2007, Kingfishers nested on the hill, and we confirmed that three young kingfishers left the nest. However, they have not nested on the hill since then because of a variety of different problems. We repair the miniature hill on a regular basis because it will collapse if not taken care of properly. The parties involved are working so that kingfishers can nest on the hill every year.

Response to topical issues related to parks

To make Sanmai-su in Kasai Rinkai Park Tokyo's first registered wetland under the Ramsar Convention



We have aggressively tackled the issues related to the destruction of the natural environment in the park, such as the construction of beach volleyball courts in Nishi-Nagisa, and more recently the construction of the canoe competition venue for the Olympic Games. We have been working to conserve the natural environments, and we have achieved good results. Furthermore, there is a challenge that we expect will significantly help conserve nature when completed. There is a movement to have Sanmai-su, the tidal flat that stretches off the coast of Kasai Rinkai Park, registered with the Ramsar Convention. The Club is actively working to support the movement. In order to prevent the natural environment in the park from being destroyed on a massive scale, we will keep a close eye on the situation and actively address the challenges as the *Club to Fight the Destruction of Nature*.

Regular conference with the park's Service Center (SC)

◆To become a better park◆

Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association (Kasai Rinkai Park Service Center)

Improvement of coordination with SC with regard to planting zones, biodiversity, and safety and security efforts

We have held regular conferences since 2013. The discussions at every conference have been heated because the park association wants to promote safety and security and the Club wants to nurture a symbiotic forest while conserving biodiversity. We work to protect the natural environment by achieving good results in discussions about securing the fields for insects, restoring the Ashigaike Pond water channel, protecting the community of rare plant species, and constructing sites where fallen leaves easily accumulate .

In addition, we propose to secure vegetation zones for the plants that attract living organisms, Japan's native plants (Japanese seven spring herbs, etc.), and coastal plants to make the park more unique. We also hold discussions to promote efforts to improve the water quality of the Upper Pond in the Bird Sanctuary that has not been taken care of for a long time.

Kasai Rinkai Park Service Center



Regular conference

Display of exhibits

**Volunteer Festival/ Edogawa Citizens Festival
hosted by Edogawa City**

We introduce our activities to citizens at these festivals and invite them to join us.

We also present information on Kasai Rinkai Park, a park we actively support, and the animals and plants in the park.

Recently, we have discussed our efforts to make Sanmai-su in Kasai Rinkai Park Tokyo's first registered wetland under the Ramsar Convention with more of the public.



Volunteer Festival



**Edogawa Citizens Festival
hosted by Edogawa City**



Activities supported by grants

from Edogawa Eco Center and Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association

Our events are supported by grants from the Edogawa Eco Center. We use these grants to purchase the tools and materials for our activities to maintain and improve the natural environment and to raise the awareness of the conservation of nature and environmental surveys. Our surveys of living organisms and plants are funded by grants from the Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association. It takes several years to complete these surveys, and the findings are reported to the environmental departments of Tokyo and Japan.

Though the grants from these two organizations do not fully fund the programs we plan, we are glad that our activities have been approved, and we can expect the results of our activities to lead to a better future. We would like to enhance our reputation by making sure people understand our activities and expanding the circle of supporters.

Bird Sanctuary Bird Watching Center



Plant survey



Received Edogawa City Mayor's Award

☆Environment Improvement Movement

☆Mottainai Movement category



At the 45th Environment Improvement Movement General Convention (2015/06/06), our efforts were recognized, and we received the Edogawa City Mayor's Award in the Mottainai Movement category.

This was the second award for the Club since receiving an award for Environment Improvement Movement in the past. We would like to improve and expand our environment improvement activities in cooperation with various supporters.

<https://www.city.edogawa.tokyo.jp/kankyo/kankyo/undou/yokusuruundou.files/2018-2019.pdf>

http://edogawa-ecocenter.jp/pdf/mottainai_guide.pdf



Award we received this time



Award of 2008

Newsletter & Website



Exciting news and information



Bird Sanctuary

We issue a newsletter for members every other month. The newsletter features the results of the events of the month, articles on topical issues contributed by members and supporters, and articles on special interviews.

In addition, some members voluntarily provide information about findings from the observations of plants, insects, and birds in Kasai Rinkai Park with pictures and descriptions exclusively for members on a website every month.

Newsletter



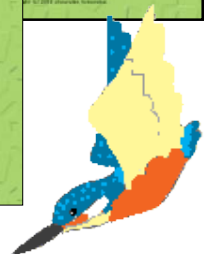
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