

ASAHIDAKE VISITOR CENTER NEWS LETTER

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WINTER

[CAUTION] Be careful of poor visibility and heavy snowfall conditions. There is a high risk of getting lost at this time of the year.

3 Temperature of Late Feb. (Avg. of 2012-23) max, **0** °C min, **-6** °C

Topic 01 **[Nature Information]**

Around the Asahidake Visitor Center, you can observe many different wild birds. Among these, the small birds you often see have a unique behavior—they form flocks that mix species. These flocks are mainly made up of tit family birds such as the Japanese Tit, Willow Tit, Coal Tit, and Varied Tit, although other birds sometimes join in.



Japanese Tit



Willow Tit

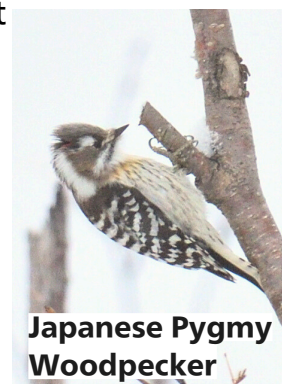


Coal Tit

One of the benefits of a larger flock is an increase of lookouts, which helps them spot predators sooner. Also, since different bird species eat different foods, there's almost no competition for food.

A mixed flock is defined as a group of three or more birds from at least two species that stay together within a 25-meter area for at least five minutes and then move in the same direction for at least 30 meters. Reference : <http://www.koueki-suntory-aityou.jp/topics/2012.html>

Birds outside the tit family that join mixed flocks often include the Long-tailed Tit and Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker. Depending on the location, Eurasian Nuthatches, Japanese White-eyes, and Goldcrests may also be part of the flock.



Japanese Pygmy Woodpecker



Long-tailed Tit

Topic 02 **[Facility Information]**

Asahidake Ropeway service notice:
All courses A, B, C, and D are open for skiing.
Please contact Asahidake Ropeway for the latest information.

< Caution >

The entrance to the cross-country ski course is a **no-parking zone!** Please use the parking lot in front of the Asahidake Visitor Center. Do not drive onto the course as cars will get stuck.



Topic 03 **[Eco-tour & Event Information]**

Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk Dates (Japanese Language Only)

Rentals available (Rubber boots · Cross country skiing sets · Snowshoes · Poles[size adjustable available])

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