



Field Notes: Snow Fairy Bird Reflections

The Japanese Snow Fairy Bird (*Shima-enaga*) isn't just a delight for the eyes—it's an invitation for our souls to soften. These tiny snow sprites remind us that joy can flutter into our lives in the simplest of ways: a laugh with a friend, the hush of snow underfoot, or the first barefoot step back into the grass after a long winter of healing.

Let these Field Notes be your own perch of reflection—a pause to notice gratitude, resilience, and lightness in motion.

Pocket of Nature Practice: Snow Fairy Pause

Next time you're on a trail or in a nearby park, pause. Take off your shoes if you can and feel the ground beneath you—the cool, the damp, the pulse of the earth. Stand there like the *Shima-enaga* on its snowy branch.

Inhale the crisp air and let it fill your chest with light.

Exhale the old stories that keep you small.

Let your heart perch in the moment. You are here. You are whole.

And somewhere in the birch forests of Hokkaido, a small bird is doing the same.

What small, unexpected moment of nature has reminded me I'm healing?

What are a few things I am grateful for?



What helps me stay light, even when the path feels uphill?

How can I blend stillness and motion—the way trail running and yoga balance each other in me?

If I were to become a “snow fairy bird” for someone else, how could I bring them calm or delight?

What is one way I can keep tuning into this peaceful, motivating rhythm tomorrow?

“Wear gratitude like a cloak and it will feed every corner of your life.”

-Rumi

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“Simply Breathe; Nature and Yoga will do the rest.”

Cheers! Kether, Spunky Mind