

Police hunting for loose monkey spotted in Tokyo

Vocabulary

loose

a primate

to approach

to be captured

Article

Police in Tokyo are trying to locate a loose monkey in the city after the primate was spotted near a religious shrine and a subway station.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department said officers from the Kitazawa police station responded Monday when a monkey was spotted in a tree at the Setagaya Hachimangu shrine in Setagaya Ward.

Law enforcement was unable to locate the primate, which was next spotted Tuesday in Meguro Ward, about 2 miles away from Monday's sighting.

Police said officers were searching the area around the station for the monkey. Officers warned members of the public not to attempt to approach or feed the animal.

Police said reports of monkey sightings have been on the rise in Tokyo since August. A monkey was captured at Haneda Airport in late September.

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Quiz

1. Where was the monkey last spotted?
2. What should people *not* do?

Conversation

A: Hello, is this the police? I'd like to report a monkey sighting.

B: Yes, this is the Kitazawa Police. A monkey, you say? Where did you see it?

A: Well, I only caught a glimpse, but it was climbing up a tree behind the shrine.

B: And you're sure it was a monkey? Could you describe it to me, please?

Discussion

1. Have you ever seen a monkey or other wild animal on the loose?
2. What animals in your area are you afraid of most?
3. Have you ever called or been to a police station? Why?