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Notes

Shizen, *Kagaku-Yomiuri*, *Kagaku Asahi*, and *Iden* are scientific magazines, like *Scientific American* in the U.S.A., for intellectuals who are interested in natural sciences.

Yaen is a bulletin of the Association for Protection of Wild Japanese Monkeys. In this journal appear only short reports.

(J): written in Japanese.

(JE): written in Japanese with English summary.

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Start of the Primate Study

The study of the behavior, society, and ecology of living primates in Japan started in 1948. Owing to the spread of urban development, wild large mammals live only in forests so deep or in hills so steep that we cannot see them easily. For a long time studies of wild animals were not an object of Japanese scientists.

An investigation of distribution and a population census by the Forest Department (112)¹⁾ was the only study of Japanese monkeys (*Macaca fuscata*) before the following studies started.

Japanese students who began the study of primates had a methodology based on animal ecology. They had studied the society of several kinds of mammal²⁾ and selected monkeys as the final material of their study. Two fields in the Kyushu area, a small island, Koshima (Miyazaki Prefecture) and an isolated hill, Takasakiyama (Oita Prefecture) (49, 59) as well as the colonies in captivity at Kyoto Zoo (150) were first chosen. Wild monkeys of those places were too timid to allow the students to approach. A method of baiting monkeys by throwing them food in order to make

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