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<u>Aniplex of America Announces</u> <u>Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai</u> <u>Complete Blu-ray Set Release</u>



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Rascal Does Not Dream of Bun_iny Girl Senpai

Join Sakuta Azusagawa in a town of bright skies and glistening seas as he unravels the curious phenomenon of the puberty syndrome.

SANTA MONICA, CA (JULY 4, 2019) – Aniplex of America proudly presents the **Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai** Complete Blu-ray Set scheduled to be released on November 19, 2019. All thirteen episodes of the supernatural series produced by CloverWorks (*PERSONA5 the Animation, The Promised Neverland*) will be available in two Blu-ray discs housed in a package featuring an illustration of the titular heroine and bunny girl senpai, Mai Sakurajima, by original illustrator Keji Mizoguchi and character designer Satomi Tamura. The Blu-ray set also comes with a special booklet with character reference guides and scene design materials, along with textless opening featuring the all-female band the peggies' song "*Kimi No Sei*" and five different variations of the textless ending starring the heroines of the series, Mai Sakurajima, Tomoe Koga, Rio Futaba,

Nodoka Toyohama and Kaede Azusagawa. Aniplex of America urges fans to pre-order at <u>Righstufanime.com</u> before the official release date, as a limited supply of the Blu-ray set will include an exclusive Bushiroad Weiß Schwarz card, while supplies last.

Based on a popular light novel by Hajime Kamoshida with original illustrations by Keji Mizoguchi, *Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai* takes a supernatural look into the complexities of growing up in the modern age through a psychophysiological phenomenon known as the "puberty syndrome." The series has been widely praised for its authenticity and fascinating approach on relatable social topics plaguing millennials such as cyber bullying, invasion of privacy, and falling victim to false gossip and rumors.

The series stars popular voice actor Kaito Ishikawa (*My Hero Academia, Haikyu!, One Punch Man*) as the protagonist, Sakuta Azusagawa, and Asami Seto (*Chihayafuru, Bungo Stray Dogs*) as the elusive bunny girl senpai, Mai Sakurajima. Soichi Masui of *Sakura Quest* served as director for the series with Masahiro Yokotani (*Free!, Re:ZERO – Starting Life in Another World-*) in charge of the series structure and screenplay. The series featured character design by Satomi Tamura of *Saekano: How to Raise a Boring Girlfriend* and *Kiznaiver, who also served as chief animation director alongside veteran Akira Takata of the Durarara!!, Natsume's Book of Friends, and IDOLM@STER series.*

Aniplex of America recently announced that they will be hosting the North America premiere of the first and only feature length film of the series, *Racal Does Not Dream of a Dreaming Girl*, at Anime Expo in Los Angeles on July 7, 2019.

Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai Complete Blu-ray Set includes:



<Disc Specs> Spoken Languages: Japanese Subtitles: English Aspect Ratio: 16:9 HD Widescreen 1080p Episodes: #1-13 Number of Discs: 2 Blu-ray Discs Total Run Time: Approx. 325 minutes Rating: 13 UP

<Bonus Contents>

- Textless Opening
- Textless Endings (All 5 variations, featuring Mai Sakurajima, Tomoe Koga, Rio Futaba, Nodoka Toyohama and Kaede Azusagawa)
 * Bonus content subject to change.
 * Bonus content includes English subtitles

< Bonus Materials & Package>

- Package illustrations by Keji Mizoguchi (Original Illustrations) and Satomi Tamura (Character Design)
- Special booklet with character reference guides and scene design materials
- Exclusive Bushiroad Weiß Schwarz card (While supplies last) * Bonus materials subject to change.

Product number and UPC bar code:

Title	Street Date	SKU #	UPC	SRP	Store Price
Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai Complete Blu-ray Set	11/19/2019	AOA-14001	816546022068	\$ 134.98	\$ 99.98

About Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai:

Puberty syndrome – Abnormal experiences rumored on the internet to be caused by sensitivity and instability during adolescence.

This year, Sakuta Azusagawa, a second-year student at a high school near Enoshima, meets several girls that are experiencing this "puberty syndrome." For instance, he encounters a wild bunny girl in the library.

She turns out to be an actress on hiatus, Mai Sakurajima, who is also his senior at the school. For some reason, no one else can see this enchanting girl.

How did she become invisible...?

As Sakuta searches for answers to help Mai, they spend more time together, and he eventually learns of her hidden feelings...

This is an unusual story that takes place in a town of bright skies and glistening seas, where Sakuta encounters various intriguing girls.

For more details on *Rascal Does Not Dream of Bunny Girl Senpai*, please visit: <u>https://RascalDoesNotDream.com/</u>

STAFF

Original Story: Hajime Kamoshida ("Seishun Buta Yaro" series published by Dengeki Bunko) Original Illustrations: Keji Mizoguchi Director: Soichi Masui Series Structure/Screenplay: Masahiro Yokotani Character Design: Satomi Tamura Chief Animation Directors: Satomi Tamura, Akira Takata Assistant Director: Kazuya Iwata Prop Design: Akira Takata Art Setting: Kazushi Fujii Art Director: Yukihiro Shibutani Color Design: Asuka Yokota 3D Directors: Yusuke Noma, Yuto Karasawa Director of Photography: Yoshihiro Sekiya 2D Works/Special Effects: Sava Utsumi Editing: Akinori Mishima Sound Director: Yoshikazu Iwanami Music: fox capture plan Production: CloverWorks Produced by AOBUTA Project

CAST

Sakuta Azusagawa: Kaito Ishikawa Mai Sakurajima: Asami Seto Tomoe Koga: Nao Toyama Rio Futaba: Atsumi Tanezaki Nodoka Toyohama: Maaya Uchida Kaede Azusagawa: Yurika Kubo Shoko Makinohara: Inori Minase

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