

## Singapore Raptor Report March 2023



*Osprey at SBWR, 16 Mar 2023, by Teo Chee Yong*

### Summary for migrant species:

Eight migrant raptor species were recorded in March 2023, which saw the start of the spring passage back to the north. Ten **Grey-faced Buzzards** *Butastur indicus* were thus recorded, with seven passing over Dairy Farm Nature Park and two over Neo Tiew Harvest Place on the 5th, and one over Singapore Quarry on the 8th.

Four **Jerdon's Bazas** *Aviceda jerdoni* were still wintering at Coney Island on the 11th. For the **Chinese Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter soloensis*, there were five records: one at Singapore Quarry on the 5th, and four over the southern ridges on their return journey north (two at Mount Faber on the 26th, and two at Telok Blangah Hill Park on the 31st).

Fifty four **Japanese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter gularis* were recorded. This was more than a seven-fold increase compared to the previous month as the birds embarked on their way to the breeding grounds, with a peak of 30 birds at Mount Faber on the 26th. The number for **Black Bazas** *Aviceda leuphotes* more than doubled from last month, principally due to 42 birds over Mount Faber on the 26th. There were also three **Ospreys** *Pandion haliaetus*, nine **Peregrine Falcons** *Falco peregrinus*, and 61 **Oriental Honey Buzzards** *Pernis ptilorhyncus*.



*Peregrine Falcon, juvenile, Seletar Aerospace Crescent, 6 Mar 2023, by Pl Chong*

#### **Highlights for sedentary species:**

Breeding-related activities were noted for three species. There were four active nests for the **White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*: a nest at Yishun Avenue 8 with two chicks, a nest at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve with 2 chicks, a nest at Bedok North with 1 chick and a nest at Pasir Ris with 2 chicks. For the **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus*, there were three active nests: one at Dover forest with 1 pale-morph chick, one at DFNF vicinity with 1 chick (chick did not survive), and one along Woodlands Road with 1 pale-

morph chick. At Pasir Ris Park on the 2nd, a juvenile **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* was apparently begging for food.

At Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on the 7th, a Crested Goshawk fitted with a transmitter was seen feeding on a bat. For the locally rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela*, one was recorded at the Botanic Gardens on the 10th, and two at Goldhill Avenue on the 26th.

On the 7th, a **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* locked talons with a White-bellied Sea Eagle is an airborne tussle. And the other resident raptors recorded were the **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* and **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur Indus*.



*Grey-headed Fish Eagle locked talons with a White-bellied Sea Eagle,  
7 Mar 2023, by SB Lim*

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	3		<b><i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i></b>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	4	9	Black-winged Kite	6
3	Black Baza	51	10	Brahminy Kite	C*
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	61	11	White-bellied Sea Eagle	C*
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5	12	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	8
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	54	13	Crested Serpent Eagle	2
7	Grey-faced Buzzard	10	14	Crested Goshawk	8
8	Peregrine Falcon	9	15	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	19
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>197</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>240</b>

\* C = Common

**1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (3)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
13	1	Yishun Dam	Ng Yan Ze
16	1	SBWR	Teo Chee Yong
21	1	KM	Veronica Foo
25	1	Clementi Forest	Joshua Chong

**2. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (4)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
11	4	Coney Island	Ian Lee

**3. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (51)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	3	Holland Plain	Nick
7	1	CBP	Mike Hooper
12	1	SBG	Roger Niessen
13	2	Punggol Barat Lane	Keith Hutton
18	1	SBWR	Jan Lile
20	1	PRP	Ester Gerber
26	42	Mount Faber, flock of 28 and 14	Low Chong Yang

**4. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (61) *orientalis* unless indicated otherwise**

PM= pale morph

DM = dark morph

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Holland Plain, immature PM	Nick
1	1	D'Leedon	Tomas Haraldsson
2	1	Tampines Industrial Avenue 3	Ross Glover
4	1	Ubin	Lim Qian Xun
4	1	SBTB, immature PM	Ho Kai Poh
5	1	BAMK Park, immature PM	Nohafiani A Majid
6	1	PRP, male PM	Alvin Seng
7	2	JLG	Jeff Tan
9	1	Singapore, juvenile PM	SB Lim
9	1	CBP, male PM	Herman Phua
9	1	TNP	Veronica Foo
9	2	GBTB	Mike Bennett
10	3	WCP	Kaeden Sim
12	1	HWL	Tan Kok Hui
12	2	CCNR	Jayden Kang
12	1	East Coast Park	Alexander Muir
14	1	Holland Plain	Chien N Lee
15	1	CBP	Mike Hooper
16	1	TEG	M Tay
16	1	Rifle Range Nature Park	Kerry Pereira
16	2	PRP, 1 adult male PM	Jan Lile

16	1	Fort Canning Park	Chuck Jones
17	1	Clementi Forest	Cheng Guang Guo
18	5	Mount Faber	Fadzrun A.
18	1	TEG, immature PM	Alvin Seng
20	1	SBTB, immature female PM	Tony Chua
21	5	Berlayer Creek	Chien N Lee
25	1	SBG	Joshua Chong
25	3	DFNP	Roger Niessen
26	1	WNP	Chan Mei Yee
26	2	Rifle range Nature Park	Mike Hooper
26	6	Mount Faber	Swee Peng
28	2	Sentosa	Sim Sze Kai
28	1	Holland Plain	Nick
31	3	TBHP	Wai Heng Lua
31	1	Choa Chu Kang Park	Lim Qian Xun

#### 5. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5	1	SG Quarry	Pinyalak Satachaiwisit
26	2	Mount Faber	Low Chong Yang
31	2	TBHP	Wai Heng Lua

#### 6. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (54)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5	1	DFNP	Frank Chen
10	1	MED	Benjamin Lee
16	1	PRP	Jan Lile
18	1	Lorong Halus, male	Ng Yan Ze
18	1	JLG, male	Philip Toh
18	1	Mount Faber	Fadzrun A.
19	1	CCNR	Mohamed Fazlin
19	2	Mount Faber	Low Chong Yang
23	1	Berlayer Creek	Ruchir Srivastava
26	5	Mount Faber	Low Chong Yang
26	30	Mount Faber	Swee Peng
28	1	TBHP	Wunson
31	8	TBHP	Wai Heng Lua

#### 7. Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (10)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5	7	DFNP	Wunson
5	2	Neo Tiew Harvest Place	Art Toh
8	1	SG Quarry	Ethan Teo

**8. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (9) migrants unless otherwise stated**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Jurong Island Highway	Sushil Kumar
1	1	Holland Plain, juvenile	Chien N Lee
2	1	Newton Road	Ezra Garfield
6	1	SAC, juvenile	PI Chong
12	1	SBWR, juvenile caught a parakeet	Siew Mun
22	1	Mount Faber, juvenile	Low Chong Yang
25	1	Berlayer Creek	Glen Sim
28	1	Margaret Drive	Vincent Ng
30	1	Choa Chu Kang Crescent, adult	Wong Soong Ming

**Resident raptors****9. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (6)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7	1	SBTB	Siew Mun
11	1	SBWR	Roger Niessen
12	2	Tuas View Drive	Sim Sze Kai
19	1	MED	Roger Niessen
27	1	Ulu Pandan	Julie Edgley

**10. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus***

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	

**11. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster***

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	
7	1	Singapore, adult locking talons with an adult GHFE	SB Lim
10	4	Yishun Ave 8, nest with 2 chicks in white down, 2 adults	Khoo Meilin
14	4	SBWR, nest with 2 chicks	Rovena Chow
17	3	Bedok North, nest with 1 chick	Siyng
22	4	Pasir Ris, nest with 2 chicks, 2 adults	Tan Gim Cheong

**12. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (8)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7	1	CCNR	Jayden Kang
7	1	Singapore, adult locking talons with an adult WBSE	SB Lim
14	1	HWL	Daryl Yeo
18	1	Berlayer Creek, immature	Ros Qian
19	1	Potong Pasir, adult	Julian Wong
19	3	SG Quarry	Amit Raj
27	1	Ulu Pandan	Julie Edgley

**13. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* (2)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
10	1	SBG	Joshua Chong
26	2	Goldhill Avenue, adults	Chien N Lee

**14. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (8)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	3	PRP, juvenile begging	Alex Rossi
7	1	SBWR, ringed bird with transmitter, feeding on a bat	Lutz Duerselen
10	1	WCP	Kaeden Sim
17	1	DFNP, juvenile	Gary Davidson
17	1	Bukit Timah	Joshua Chong
29	1	SBG, adult	Chien N Lee

**15. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* (19)**

PM= pale morph,

DM = dark morph

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5	2	DFNP	Ong Jun Ze
7	2	Admiralty Park	Wee Ki Yi
8	3	Dover forest, nest with 1 PM chick & 1 PM adult, another calling	Tan Gim Cheong
9	1	Bukit Brown	Jayden Kang
10	1	WCP	Kaeden Sim
11	1	Hindhede Nature Park, DM	Art Toh
12	1	Hillview, adult PM	Siew Mun
12	1	SBWR	Chien N Lee
14	3	Dover forest, nest with 1 chick	Rovena Chow
14	3	DFNP vicinity, nest with 1 chick	Rovena Chow
17	1	DFNP vicinity, chick apparently dead, PM female on nest	Chelvan P Tamil
19	1	Berlayer Creek	Ng Yan Ze
19	2	MED	Roger Niessen
21	1	KM	Veronica Foo



21	3	Dover forest	Julie Edgley
22	1	NTU	Michael Gumert
24	1	Changi grasslands	Sam Lievense
25	1	TEG	Brad R
26	2	Mount Faber	Swee Peng
28	1	Boon Keng	Tom Griffith
29	2	GBTB	Mario Garcia
29	2	Woodlands Road, nest with 1 PM chick & 1 PM adult	Tan Gim Cheong
30	2	SBG	Mario Garcia
31	2	Choa Chu Kang Park	Lim Qian Xun

### Abbreviations

BAMK– Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park  
 CBP – Changi Business Park  
 CCNR – Central Catchment Nature Reserve  
 DFNP – Dairy Farm Nature Park  
 GBTB – Gardens by the Bay  
 JLG – Jurong Lake Gardens  
 HWL – Hampstead Wetlands  
 KM – Kranji Marsh  
 MED – Marina East Drive  
 NTU – Nanyang Technological University  
 PRP – Pasir Ris Park  
 SAC – Seletar Aerospace Crescent  
 SBG – Singapore Botanic Gardens  
 SBTB – Satay by the Bay  
 SBWR – Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve  
 TEG – Tampines Eco Green  
 TNP – Thomson Nature Park  
 WCP – West Coast Park  
 WNP – Windsor Nature Park

*Compiled by Tan Gim Cheong*

*Note: The numbers in brackets beside the bird names indicates the month's total number. Reports of the same raptors from the same area have been discounted to avoid duplication.*

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