

Singapore Raptor Report

Late Spring Migration, April-June 2020



Japanese Sparrowhawk, adult female, Baker Street, 4 April 2020, by Kelvin Leong.

Summary:

Only five migrant raptor species were recorded in the April to June period as most of them had already left for their breeding grounds. There were ten records of the **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, nine in April and one in June; nine records of the **Japanese Sparrowhawk** in the first week of April; one **Chinese Sparrowhawk** in April; two **Western Ospreys**, one each in April and June, and one **Peregrine Falcon** in April. Fourteen unidentified *Accipiters* were on migration over Henderson Waves in early April.

Sedentary Raptors

For the resident raptors, the records of note are the two nestings of the **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, one at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and the other at Fort Canning, where the chicks, two on each nest, were already almost as big as their parents.

Two **Crested Serpent Eagles** were recorded at King Albert Park on 1st April, and one at Malcolm Road on 5th April. There was also a resident *ernesti* **Peregrine Falcon** at The Esplanade on 22nd June. The other resident raptors recorded were the **Black-winged Kite**, **Brahminy Kite**, **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, **Crested Goshawk**, and **Changeable Hawk-Eagle**.



A family of Buff-breasted Fish Owls, with the fledgling on left, Yishun, 22 Jun 2020, by Jackie Yeo.

Nocturnal Raptors

There were breeding-related records for two species of owls. A family of **Spotted Wood Owls** comprising two adults and two chicks were spotted at Dover Road at the later part of June, with the chicks fledging on 25th June. Over the eastern side, at Pasir Ris Park, another family of Spotted Wood Owls with 1 fledgling was spotted on 25th June. And on 22nd June, a recently fledged **Buff-breasted Fish Owl** and its parents were recorded at Yishun, next to a big drain.

1. Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5 Apr	3	Chek Jawa, Pulau Ubin	Eyzat Amer
29 Jun	1	Lower Seletar Reservoir	Oliver Tan

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	2	King Albert Park	Peter Bijlmakers
1 Apr	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Keita Sin
2 Apr	1	Changi Business Park, immature pale morph	Tan Eng Boo
3 Apr	1	Kent Vale	John Ascher
4 Apr	1	Lorong Halus	Martin Kennewell
5 Apr	1	Changi Business Park	Ramesh T.
7 Apr	2	Henderson Waves	Krishna G.
3 Apr	1	Kent Vale	John Ascher
23 Jun	1	West Coast Drive	Tay Kian Guan

3. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Apr	2	Henderson Waves	Krishna G.

4. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Keita Sin
4 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Park	Krishna G.
4 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh, adult female	Chen Boon Chong
4 Apr	1	Baker Street, adult female	Kelvin Leong
5 Apr	1	Changi Point Coastal Walk	Oliver Tan
5 Apr	1	Changi Business Park	Ramesh T.
5 Apr	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Martti Siponen
6 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Keit Sin
7 Apr	1	Henderson Waves	Krishna G.

5. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Apr	1	Henderson Waves	Krishna G.
22 Jun	2	Esplanade Theatres on the Bay, <i>ernesti</i>	Oliver Tan

Unidentified *Accipiters*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Apr	14	Henderson Waves, in a flock	Krishna G.

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6 Apr	2	Kranji Marsh	Keita Sin
20 Jun	2	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
27 Jun	1	Marina South	Lau Jia Sheng

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus*

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

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
27 Jun	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, nest with 2 big eaglets	Jean-Pierre Bousquet
30 Jun	2	Fort Canning, nest with 2 big eaglets	Chan Kum Chun

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaeus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5 Apr	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Martti Siponen
21 Jun	2	Kranji Marsh	Russell Boyman
22 Jun	1	Jurong Lake Garden	Martti Siponen
27 Jun	1	Lower Seletar Reservoir	Martin Kennewell
27 Jun	1	Springleaf Nature Park, adult	Kelvin Leong

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	2	Pasir Ris Park	Evelyn Lee
2 Apr	1	West Coast Park	Keita Sin
4 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Park	John Marriott

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	2	King Albert Park	Peter Bijlmakers
5 Apr	1	Malcolm Road	Chee Wei-lin

Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
20 Jun	1	Choa Chu Kang Park	Hui Ko
20 Jun	1	Kranji Marsh	Li Jiayu

Nocturnal Raptors

Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupu*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22 Jun	3	Yishun Avenue 6, 2 adults, 1 recently fledged juvenile	Jackie Yeo

Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
19 Jun	2	Dover Road, 2 chicks on nest	Art Toh
20 Jun	3	Pasir Ris Park, 2 adults and 1 juvenile	Chen Boon Chong
25 Jun	2	Dover Road, 2 chicks fledged	Art Toh
30 Jun	4	Dover Road, 2 adults, 2 fledglings	Art Toh

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