

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, January 2011

Summary:

A total of 145 migrant raptors of 11 species were recorded this month. There were no new species compared to last month. The **Black Baza** continued to be the most numerous with 101 birds. Next was the **Oriental Honey Buzzard** with 12 birds followed by the **Peregrine Falcon** with 9 birds. At Changi, there were single records each of the **Jerdon's Baza** (on the 29th), **Black Kite** and **Eastern Marsh Harrier** (both on the 22nd) by Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng, Tan Kok Hui and Con Foley. 2 **Common Buzzards** continued to frequent the Changi area and one was seen flying over Bukit Timah Plaza by Horst Flotow. 5 **Ospreys** were recorded and again, there were more **Chinese Sparrowhawks** (5) than **Japanese Sparrowhawks** (4). The number of **Booted Eagles** increased to 3 this month, but they were very localized at Seletar West.



Osprey, by Fang Sher Chyet

For the resident raptors, there were the usual **Black-winged Kites**, **Brahminy Kites**, **White-bellied Sea Eagles**, **Grey-headed Fish Eagles** and **Changeable Hawk-eagles**. Unfortunately, a juvenile pale morph Changeable Hawk-eagle crashed into the National Library and died early this month despite the efforts of passer-bys to save it. It was also interesting to note that a pair of Grey-headed Fish Eagles had re-used a former White-bellied Sea Eagle's nest and raised a chick successfully.



White-bellied Sea Eagle with fish, by Jason Cho

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	5		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	1	12	Black-winged Kite	13
3	Black Baza	101	13	Brahminy Kite	32
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	12	14	White-bellied Sea Eagle	24
5	Black Kite	1	15	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	6
6	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	16	Changeable Hawk-eagle	17
7	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5			
8	Japanese Sparrowhawk	4		<i>Unidentified</i>	
9	Common Buzzard	3	17	Unidentified Raptors	1
10	Booted Eagle	3	18	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	5
11	Peregrine Falcon	9			
Total for Migrants		145	Grand Total		253

Note: The total numbers are indicative only with similar species in the same area discounted to prevent duplication.

1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	2	Sime Forest	Horst Flotow
2	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Mike Bush
8	2	Kranji Nature Trail, 2 over the straits, one resting on a pole and the other flying west, with a big fish	Lim Kim Seng
21	1	Seletar West	Tan Kok Hui
22	1	Seletar West	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
23	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Horst Flotow
23	2	Mandai Mudflats, morning	Lim Kim Keang, David Li, Lim Hai Bi, Bari Mahammad
23	1	Kranji Nature Trail	Tan Kok Hui
25	1	Mandai Mudflat	Con Foley
29	4	Kranji Nature Trail, 10am-11am	Jeremy Lewis
29	1	Seletar West	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

2. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
29	1	Changi, juvenile	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

3. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (101)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Lorong Halus	Tan Kok Hui
2	1	Coney Island	Tan Kok Hui
8	8	Kranji Marsh, a flock of 8 thermaling just before a downpour	Lim Kim Seng
15	1	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
16	2	Bukit Brown, morning	Jeremy Lewis
18	20	Bradell Heights, kettle circling and then headed east, morning	Lee Ee Ling
20	1	Pasir Ris Park, afternoon	Lena Chow, Janet Lim
23	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Horst Flotow
23	2	Pasir Ris, morning	Jeremy Lewis
23	4	Pasir Ris Drive	Lau Jia Sheng
25	10	Jalan Bahtera	Jinzhao
25	4	Pulau Ubin, circling close to town centre	Alan OwYong
28	19	Khatib Bongsu, in a tree	Tan Kok Hui
29	29	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
31	2	Clementi Stadium, circling overhead	Lau Jia Sheng

4. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (12)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	1	Gambas Avenue, in flight	Tan Kok Hui
4	1	Pierce Reservoir, circling	Alan OwYong
11	1	Nepal Hill, off Buona Vista Road, dark morph circling	Alan OwYong
15	1	Lorong Halus, immature male	Tan Kok Hui
20	1	Pasir Ris Park, dark morph, afternoon	Lena Chow, Janet Lim
22	1	Pasir Ris Park, dark morph, afternoon	Chew A S
22	1	Changi, pale adult	Tan Kok Hui, Lau Jia Sheng , Danny Lau, Con Foley
23	2	Southern Ridges	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li
23	1	Pasir Ris, morning	Jeremy Lewis
25	1	Jalan Bahtera	Jinzhao
29	2	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
31	1	Choa Chu Kang Loop	Lau Jia Sheng
31	1	Clementi	Lau Jia Sheng

5. Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22	1	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng , Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley

6. Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22	1	Changi, male	Lau Jia Sheng , Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley

7. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	Coney Island, 1 adult male, 1 adult female	Tan Kok Hui
15	2	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
22	1	Changi, sub-adult	Tan Kok Hui, Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Con Foley
22	1	Seletar West, adult male	Lau Jia Sheng, Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau,
29	1	Changi, sub-adult female	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
29	1	Seletar West, adult male	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

8. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, low over main bridge.	Lim Kim Seng
15	1	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
16	1	Bukit Brown, morning	Jeremy Lewis
23	1	Southern Ridges	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li

9. Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
15	2	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
16	1	Bukit Timah Plaza, flying over	Horst Flotow
22	1	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Con Foley
29	1	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

10. Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22	3	Seletar West, 2 dark morph, 1 pale morph	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
29	1	Seletar West, 1 pale morph	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,



Booted Eagle, Seletar West, 220111, by Lau Jia Sheng

11. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (9)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park, flying away	Lim Kim Seng
9	1	Pulau Ubin, on transmission tower near town centre	Lim Kim Chuah
10	1	Capital Square, roof top, feeding on pigeon	Lee Ee Ling
16	1	Singapore Quarry	Martti Siponen
22	1	Changi, sub-adult	Tan Kok Hui, Lau Jia Sheng , Danny Lau, Con Foley
22	1	Seletar West, adult	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
23	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Horst Flotow
23	2	UOB Plaza, birds flying around at 8.30pm to 8.45pm	Yong Ding Li, Mick Price
25	1	Jalan Bahtera, displaying great aerial acrobatic skills trying to grab a passing pigeon in mid-air but was unsuccessful	Jinzhao
29	1	Yishun Dam	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

Resident raptors

12. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (13)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	Tampines Biking Trail	Tan Kok Hui
3	3	Lorong Halus	Alfred Chia
15	5	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
22	3	Changi, 2 chased off a pair of dark morphed Changeable Hawk-eagles	Lau Jia Sheng , Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley
28	1	Gambas Avenue	Lau Jia Sheng
29	7	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

13. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* (32)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	4	Sime Forest	Horst Flotow
2	1	Bukit Brown	Jean-Marc Chavatte
2	1	Coney Island, adult	Tan Kok Hui
2	1	Tampines Quarry, adult	Tan Kok Hui
8	1	Hindhede Park, adult	Jean-Marc Chavatte
8	1	Kranji Marsh, adult	Lim Kim Seng
9	1	Pulau Ubin	Lim Kim Chuah
15	2	Changi Beach, adults	Tan Kok Hui
15	2	Changi	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
16	1	Singapore Quarry	Martti Siponen
22	9	Seletar West	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
23	1	Southern Ridges	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li
23	4	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Horst Flotow
23	3	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley
23	2	Lorong Halus, 1 adult, 1 juvenile	Lau Jia Sheng, Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley
23	1	Pasir Ris Park	Lau Jia Sheng, Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley
27	6	Punggol Point	Colin Poole
29	1	Mandai Mudflat, 9am	Jeremy Lewis
29	1	Kranji Nature Trail, 10am-11am	Jeremy Lewis
29	1	Pasir Ris, 1pm – 4pm	Jeremy Lewis
29	6	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
31	2	Clementi Stadium	Lau Jia Sheng

14. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (24)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	3	Sime Forest	Horst Flotow
2	1	Coney Island, adult	Tan Kok Hui
2	1	Tampines Quarry, immature	Tan Kok Hui
8	1	Hindhede Park	Jean-Marc Chavatte
8	1	Kranji Marsh, adult soaring	Lim Kim Seng
8	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park, adult on tower	Lim Kim Seng
9	1	Pulau Ubin	Lim Kim Chuah
15	1	Lorong Halus, immature circling	Tan Kok Hui
16	4	Singapore Quarry, 2 adult, 2 sub-adult	Martti Siponen
16	1	Botanic Gardens, noon	Jeremy Lewis

22	1	Changi, juvenile	Lau Jia Sheng , Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley
23	4	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Horst Flotow
23	1	Mandai Mudflats, morning	Lim Kim Keang, David Li, Lim Hai Bi, Bari Mahammad
23	2	Seletar West, 1 adult, 1 juvenile	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui, Con Foley
25	2	Jalan Bahtera	Jinzhao
25	1	Mandai Mudflat	Con Foley
27	2	Punggol Point	Colin Poole
28	1	Khatib Bongsu, adult	Tan Kok Hui
29	2	Mandai Mudflat, 9am	Jeremy Lewis
29	3	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
29	1	Seletar West, adult	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,
30	2	Kranji Nature Trail, 1 adult, 1 immature	Danny Lau
31	2	Clementi Stadium, adult. A juvenile 'dive bombed' by adult Brahminy Kite	Lau Jia Sheng

15. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus* (6)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	2	Sime Forest	Horst Flotow
2	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, 9:30am	Jeremy Lewis
16	2	Singapore Quarry, chased away be WBSEs	Martti Siponen
23	2	Neo Tiew Lane 2	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li

16. Changeable Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus* (17)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	2	Sime Forest	Horst Flotow
2	1	Coney Island, pale juvenile	Tan Kok Hui
2	1	Pasir Ris Farmway, dark morph	Tan Kok Hui
8	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park, dark morph adult on tree	Lim Kim Seng
--	1	National Library, Bras Basah, juvenile crashed into building and died, early January	Lioe Kim Swee
15	1	Pasir Ris, pale morph in flight	Tan Kok Hui
15	1	Changi, pale juvenile	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
16	1	Bukit Brown, morning	Jeremy Lewis
16	1	Old Jurong Railway, adult dark morph	Jean-Marc Chavatte
22	3	Changi, 2 dark morphs, 1 pale morph	Lau Jia Sheng , Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Con Foley

23	1	Southern Ridges	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li
23	2	Kranji Road, pale morph flying high	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li
23	2	Neo Tiew Lane 2, pale morph	Tan Kok Hui, Yong Ding Li
28	1	Khatib Bongsu, heard only	Tan Kok Hui
29	1	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

17. Unidentified Raptors (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	1	Jelutong Tower	Wong Chung Cheong

18. Unidentified Accipiters (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Lorong Halus	Tan Kok Hui
22	2	Seletar West	Lau Jia Sheng
29	2	Changi	Lau Jia Sheng, Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui,

Compiled by Tan Gim Cheong

Note:

The numbers in brackets beside the bird names indicates the total number seen for this month. Different reports of the same raptors from the same area have been discounted to prevent duplication.

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