

## Singapore Raptor Report Autumn Migration, November 2010

### Summary:

A total of 450 migrant raptors representing 10 species were recorded this month. Leading the pack are the **Black Bazas** with 291 birds. This included, at Tuas, an impressive kettle of 180 birds! As usual, **Oriental Honey Buzzards** came in second in terms of numbers with a total of 105. The third most recorded migrant raptor was the **Japanese Sparrowhawk** with 28 birds.

November 2010 was an exceptional month for the rare **Jerdon's Baza**. A total of 4 of these were recorded. The first two were seen together on the casuarinas trees in Changi on the 20<sup>th</sup>, an adult and a 'pale-faced' juvenile. This sets the early date for this species back by 10 days. One week later, on the 27<sup>th</sup>, another 'dark-faced' juvenile was seen near the same spot. On the 30<sup>th</sup>, an adult was seen at Bidadari. All these four individuals were also photographed. Little is known about the movements of this species which is distributed disjointedly across India and Southeast Asia.



*Jerdon's Baza, juvenile, in flight, at Changi on 27 Nov 10, by Tan Kok Hui*

Bidadari also presented another goodie this season – a **Booted Eagle**! It was seen and photographed on the 10<sup>th</sup>. This was preceded by a record on the 5<sup>th</sup> at Seletar West, the usual haunt for this species. **Eastern Marsh Harriers** were recorded from the usual haunts at Changi Cove / Tanah Merah and Pulau Semakau. Similarly, **Common Buzzards** were recorded from their usual haunts at Changi. Other migrant raptors recorded this month included **Chinese Sparrowhawk**, **Osprey** and **Peregrine Falcon**.

For the resident species, it was good to have another sighting of our rare **Crested Goshawk**. This time, a juvenile was seen at Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West on the 27<sup>th</sup>. **Grey-headed Fish-Eagles** continue to hold out at the MacRitchie Reservoir to Bukit Batok belt. Note that the counts for the 1-day Raptor Watch on 7<sup>th</sup> November were not included in this report. It is available as a separate report.



*Eastern Marsh Harrier, Changi Cove, 03 Nov 10, by Lee Tiah Kee*

**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	11	Black-winged Kite	12
3	Black Baza	291	12	Brahminy Kite	33
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	105	13	White-bellied Sea Eagle	16
5	Eastern Marsh Harrier	5	14	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	3
6	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5	15	Crested Goshawk	1
7	Japanese Sparrowhawk	28	16	Changeable Hawk-eagle	12
8	Common Buzzard	2		<b><i>Unidentified</i></b>	
9	Booted Eagle	2	17	Unidentified Raptors	6
10	Peregrine Falcon	5	18	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	4
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>450</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>537</b>

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