

## Singapore Raptor Report Autumn Migration, October 2010

### Summary for migrant species:

A total of 139 migrant raptors from 8 species were recorded this month. **Oriental Honey Buzzards** took the top spot with 108 birds. Peter Jones counted 62 of these birds in a 45 minutes period from 11:45am to 12:30pm at Tuas on 24 October. **Japanese Sparrowhawks** came in second in terms of numbers with a total of 12. The third placing was a surprise as it went to the uncommon **Chinese Sparrowhawk**. Present in small numbers were the **Ospreys**. Sun Chong Hong had been expecting the **Peregrine Falcon** that he had seen in Spring 2009, Autumn 2009 and Spring 2010 in Bishan. The falcon arrived on the 11<sup>th</sup> and perched, as usual, on top of a high rise building. For 3 species, there was only a single sighting. A juvenile **Eastern Marsh Harrier** was seen at Changi on the 9<sup>th</sup> by Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau and Con Foley. The **Common Buzzard** made it into this month with a single bird at the usual hangout – Changi – on the 30<sup>th</sup>, by Danny Lau and Lau Jia Sheng. On the last day of the month, Alfred Chia recorded 2 **Black Bazas** at Seletar West.



*Chinese Sparrowhawk, male, at Seletar West on 30/10/10, by Danny Lau*

### Highlights for sedentary species:

The Bird Race on Pulau Ubin on the 24<sup>th</sup> produced two interesting records for resident raptors. A rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** was seen by Alan Owyong and his team, flying across Ubin's main village just after noon. The other notable record was that of 2 **Grey-headed Fish Eagles** – a juvenile and a sub-adult. This appears to be the first record of this species for Pulau Ubin. An even greater rarity – the **Crested Goshawk** – re-appeared at the Singapore Zoo. The last sighting of this species at the same location was that of a juvenile. This time it was an adult.



*Crested Goshawk at Singapore Zoo on 16/10/10, by Angelia Teng*

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	5			
2	Black Baza	2		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
3	Oriental Honey Buzzard	108	9	Black-winged Kite	3
4	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	10	Brahminy Kite	39
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	6	11	White-bellied Sea Eagle	14
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	12	12	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	5
7	Common Buzzard	1	13	Crested Serpent Eagle	1
8	Peregrine Falcon	4	14	Crested Goshawk	1
			15	Changeable Hawk-eagle	6
				<i>Unidentified</i>	
			16	Unidentified Raptors	3
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>213</b>

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