

Singapore Autumn Raptor Migration - Early Arrivals July - September 2013.

Summary:

Only 3 migrant raptor species arrived in early autumn. Up to 12 **Oriental Honey-buzzard** (OHB) and 4 **Ospreys** were recorded. The single **Peregrine Falcon** photographed by Francis Yap at Pulau Punggol on 27 Aug was the only other early arrival. For the OHB, there were 3 juvenile *orientalis* in August and 4 juvenile / young (likely 2nd year) *orientalis* in September. These birds may actually have over-summered in the tropics.

For the residents, there were 2 juvenile **Crested Goshawks**, one at Bidadari and the other within the zoo compounds at Mandai – possible indicators of successful local breeding. Margie Hall had the privilege of watching a Crested Goshawk hunt and consume a Javan Myna at Sembawang.

1. Osprey

- 28 Jul 1 adult at Yishun Dam. Ann Ang.
- 16 Aug 1 at Pulau Punggol 1805 hrs. Francis Yap.
- 2 Sep 1 at Pulau Punggol. Francis Yap.
- 7 Sep 2 at Pulau Punggol. Tan Kok Hui.
- 13 Sep 1 at Tuas heading southeast. Low Choon How.
- 14 Sep 1 at Neo Tiew, mobbing WBSE. Low Choon How.
- 24 Sep 1 at Pulau Punggol. Francis Yap.
- 27 Sep 1 at Pulau Punggol. Francis Yap.

2. Oriental Honey-buzzard

- 7 Jul 1 at Pasir Ris Park. Low Choon How.
- 18 Jul 1 juvenile *torquatus* photographed at Pasir Ris Park. Joseph Tan K B.
- 13 Aug 1 juvenile *orientalis* photographed at Pasir Ris Park. Lai Chonglong.
- 18 Aug 1 juvenile *orientalis* photographed at Yio Chu Kang Road / CTE area. Ho Yongtze.
- 24 Aug 1 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve 0715 hrs. Harrier Ming.
- 25 Aug 1 dark juvenile *orientalis* photographed at Tampines Woods 1100 hrs. Willie Foo.
- 6 Sep 1 young male *orientalis* photographed at Yishun. Benson Brighton.
- 14 Sep 1 (likely 2nd year) *orientalis* photographed at Yishun. Benson Brighton.
- 19 Sep 1 juvenile *orientalis* photographed at Queenstown. Ric Seet.
- 21 Sep 1 young male *orientalis* photographed at Pasir Ris Park. Lai Chonglong.
- 28 Sep 1 at Neo Tiew. Low Choon How.
- 28 Sep 2 at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Seng.

3. Peregrine Falcon

- 27 Aug 1 juvenile photographed at Seletar Dam. Francis Yap.

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite

21 Jul 1 at Pulau Semakau. Ben Lee.
28 Jul 1 near Seletar Airport. Ann Ang.

Brahminy Kite

2 Jul 1 adult at Singapore Quarry 1840 hrs. Ulf Remahl.
7 Jul 2 at Pulau Semakau. Ben Lee.
12 Jul 1 at Kent Ridge Road. Ho Yongtze.
13 Jul 1 at Downtown East. Ho Yongtze.
14 Jul 1 at Serangoon Reservoir. Tan Kok Hui.
21 Jul 4 at Pulau Semakau. Ben Lee.
21 Jul 1 at Chinese Garden 1100 hrs. Willie Foo.
23 Jul 1 at Tuas. Low Choon How.

13 Aug 1 at Kent Ridge Road. Ho Yongtze.
22 Aug 2 at Bidadari. Terry Heppell.
24 Aug 2 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve 0730 & 0913 hrs. Harrier Ming.
26 Aug 1 adult, 1 juvenile at Tuas. Benedict Cheong.
27 Aug 1 adult, 1 juvenile at Tuas. Benedict Cheong.
28 Aug 1 adult, 1 juvenile at Tuas. Benedict Cheong.

7 Sep 2 at Pulau Punggol. Tan Kok Hui.
6 Sep 1 at Kent Ridge Road. Ho Yongtze.
10 Sep 1 at Kent Ridge Road. Ho Yongtze.
10 Sep 1 at Serangoon Reservoir. Ho Yongtze.
11 Sep 1 at Jurong Lake. Ho Yongtze.
12 Sep 2 at Marina Bay. Ho Yongtze.
23 Sep 5 at Tuas. Low Choon How.

White-bellied Sea Eagle

7 Jul 4 at Pulau Semakau. Ben Lee.
13 Jul 1 at Pangsua Canal, Teck Whye. Steven Chong.
14 Jul 1 at Serangoon Reservoir. Tan Kok Hui.
21 Jul 1 at Pulau Semakau. Ben Lee.
21 Jul 2 adult, 1 juvenile at Bukit Timah summit. Low Choon How.
22 Jul 1 at Kent Ridge Road. Ho Yongtze.
25 Jul 1 at Benjamin Bridge 0725 hrs. Willie Foo.
26 Jul 1 at Tuas. Low Choon How.
27 Jul 4 at Singapore Quarry. Yap Euhian.
27 Jul 1 at Raffles Place. Low Choon How.
30 Jul 1 at Pasir Ris Park. Terry Heppell.

8 Aug 2 adults, 1 immature (3rd year), 2 juveniles at Snow City, Jurong.
Benedict Cheong.
10 Aug 1 at Pangsua Canal, Teck Whye. Steven Chong.
11 Aug 1 at Tuas 1900 hrs. Willie Foo.
24 Aug 2 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve 0938 & 1028 hrs. Harrier Ming.
25 Aug 1 at Tampines Woods 1100 hs. Willie Foo.

7 Sep 2 at Pulau Punggol. Tan Kok Hui.
 8 Sep 2 at Serangoon Reservoir. Tan Kok Hui.
 8 Sep 2 at Poyan. Danny Lau.
 10 Sep 2 at Serangoon Reservoir. Ho Yongtze.
 10 Sep 1 at Punggol Reservoir. Ho Yongtze.
 11 Sep 2 at Kent Ridge Road. Ho Yongtze.
 14 Sep 1 at Neo Tiew, mobbed by Osprey. Low Choon How.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle

2 Jul 1 adult at Singapore Quarry 1815-1900 hrs. Ulf Remahl.
 12 Jul 1 adult at Pandan River 1800 hrs. Yap Euhian.
 14 Jul 2 at Poyan. Con Foley.
 17 Jul 1 adult at Pandan River. Yap Euhian.
 19 Jul 1 at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Seng.

 4 Aug 1 adult at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Chuah.
 5 Aug 1 adult at Bukit Batok Town Park at 1500 hrs. Ulf Remahl.
 16 Aug 1 adult at Pandan River 1800 hrs. Yap Euhian.
 18 Aug 1 at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Seng.
 20 Aug 1 at MacRitchie Reservoir. Lim Kim Seng.
 25 Aug 1 at MacRitchie Reservoir. Lim Kim Seng.

 28 Sep 2 at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Seng.
 30 Sep 1 adult at Lorong Halus. K C Soh.

Crested Goshawk

16 Jul Crested Goshawk catching a White-vented Myna in low guava tree and then eating it in taller Tembusu tree, at Queen's Avenue, Sembawang. Margie Hall.

 20 Aug 1 near Jelutong Tower. Lim Kim Seng.
 22 Aug 1 juvenile at Bidadari. Terry Heppell.

 7 Sep 1 juvenile at Bidadari. Rey Aguila.
 13 Sep 1 juvenile at Mandai Zoo. Christian Berclaz.
 27 Sep 1 juvenile at Mandai Zoo. Benson Brighton.

Changeable Hawk-eagle

5 Jul 1 pale juvenile at Tampines Quarry. Yap Euhian.
 10 Jul 2 pale morph at Mount Faber. Terry Heppell.
 14 Jul 1 at Poyan. Con Foley.
 19 Jul 1 dark morph at Bukit Batok Nature Park. Lim Kim Seng.
 20 Jul 1 juvenile at Tuas. Low Choon How.
 21 Jul 1 pale morph at Pulau Semakau. Ben Lee.

 1 Aug 1 pale, 1 dark morph at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Seng.
 10 Aug 1 adult pale morph at Tuas early morning. Low Choon How.
 20 Aug 1 dark morph at Jelutong Tower. Lim Kim Seng.

7 Sep 1 juvenile pale morph at Pulau Punggol. Tan Kok Hui.
8 Sep 1 at Serangoon Reservoir. Tan Kok Hui.
8 Sep 1 at Poyan. Danny Lau.
13 Sep 1 juvenile pale morph at Bukit Batok Nature Park. Yang Weixing.
28 Sep 1 at Central Catchment Forest. Lim Kim Seng.

Un-identified Raptors

31 Aug 1 very high up, heading south, at Tuas. Low Choon How.

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