

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, February 2014



Oriental Honey Buzzard, female, Chinese Garden, 280214, by Lee Tiah Khee.

Summary for migrant species:

In February, 56 raptors of 10 migrant species were recorded. The **Common Kestrel** continued to be present at Tuas South till 9 Feb, indicating over-wintering at the site where it was first recorded on 19 Oct 13. An additional juvenile/female type Common Kestrel was also recorded at Old Choa Chu Kang Road on 10 Feb. Coupled with the 2 seen at Pulau Punggol last month, this could be the most fruitful season for the Common Kestrel.

The other migrant raptors included the usual suspects - **Osprey**, **Black Baza**, **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, **Japanese Sparrowhawk**, and **Peregrine Falcon**. Two **Booted Eagles** continued to be present at Seletar North Link. The only **Jerdon's Baza** recorded was at Lorong Halus, same for the **Chinese Sparrowhawk**. The only **Eastern Marsh Harrier** recorded was at Kranji Marsh.

Summary for resident raptors:

The nesting of the **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** at Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin) appeared to be successful and the display flight of the **Crested Goshawk** was observed at the Botanical Gardens. On 12 Feb, an **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, possibly of the *torquatus* subspecies, was photographed in flight with a stick in its talons at Neo Tiew Lane 2, a possible indication of nest building.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	3		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	1	11	Black-winged Kite	1
3	Black Baza	27	12	Brahminy Kite	9
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	13	13	White-bellied Sea Eagle	9
5	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	14	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	7
6	Chinese Sparrowhawk	1	15	Crested Goshawk	2
7	Japanese Sparrowhawk	3	16	Changeable Hawk-eagle	3
8	Booted Eagle	2			
9	Common Kestrel	3		<i>Unidentified</i>	
10	Peregrine Falcon	3	17	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	2
Total for Migrants		56	Grand Total		89

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