Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, February 2012

Summary for migrant species:

In February, a total of 93 migrant raptors of only 7 species were recorded. Notably missing were the harriers. The most numerous migrant raptor was the **Black Baza** with 62 birds. The 2nd spot went to the **Oriental Honey Buzzard** with 17 birds, with a notable *torquatus* individual at Pasir Ris Park on the 1st of the month. The 3rd most numerous migrant raptor, with 5 birds, was the **Jerdon's Baza!** Three were still at Changi on the 5th, seen by Horst & Estella Flotow and Mick Price; another two were seen at Bidadari on the 23rd by Con Foley.

Next up was the **Chinese Sparrowhawk** with 3 birds recorded. The other three migrant raptors recorded were represented with two birds each. They were **Japanese Sparrowhawk**, **Common Buzzard** and **Booted Eagle**. The Common Buzzards and the Booted Eagles were at their usual spots – Changi and Seletar West respectively.



Oriental Honey Buzzard, at Japanese Gardens, on 070212, by Alan OwYong

Highlights for sedentary species:

The rare **Crested Goshawk** continues to spread across the island – a juvenile was photographed at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on the 3rd by Mohamad Azlin Sani. The other rare resident, the **Crested Serpent Eagle** was photographed at Goldhill Avenue on the 19th by SeeToh Yew Wai Other resident raptors recorded included the **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, **Changeable Hawk-eagle**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Brahminy Kite** and **Blackwinged Kite**. There were also four unidentified raptors.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Jerdon's Baza	5			
2	Black Baza	62		Residents / Sedentary Species	
3	Oriental Honey Buzzard	17	8	Black-winged Kite	4
4	Chinese Sparrowhawk	3	9	Brahminy Kite	12
5	Japanese Sparrowhawk	2	10	White-bellied Sea Eagle	11
6	Common Buzzard	2	11	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	1
7	Booted Eagle	2	12	Crested Serpent Eagle	1
			13	Crested Goshawk	3
			14	Changeable Hawk-eagle	7
				Unidentified	
			15	Unidentified Raptors	4
	93		Grand Total	132	

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