

## Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, February 2013

### Summary for migrant species:

A total of 112 migrant raptors of 8 species were recorded in February 2013. This month's 92 **Black Bazas**, was a steep increase compared to last month (10 birds). Notably, a flock of 60 Black Baza was seen by Lim Kim Keang at Pasir Ris Park, on the 17<sup>th</sup>, flying northerly. Next were the **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, represented by 7 birds, and the **Peregrine Falcon** by 4 birds.

After having gone "missing" in January, three rare **Jerdon's Bazas** appeared at Lorong Halus on the 10<sup>th</sup>, again recorded by Lim Kim Keang! A dark morph **Booted Eagle** flying over the Gardens by the Bay on the morning of the 15<sup>th</sup> was a pleasant surprise for Nicholas Tan, who was quick to snap a few photos! Another Booted Eagle was still wintering at Seletar North Link. The remainder of the migrant raptors comprised 2 **Chinese Sparrowhawks**, 1 **Japanese Sparrowhawk** and an **Osprey**.



*Chinese Sparrowhawk, male, by Lee Tiah Khee.*

**Highlights for sedentary species:** On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Alan Owyong recorded a **Crested Goshawk**, a rare resident, at Portsdown Road area. The day after, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Horst Flotow recorded not one, but 2 **Crested Serpent Eagles** at Jelutong Tower! A **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** seems to be establishing a presence at Seletar North Link.

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	1		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	3	9	Brahminy Kite	15
3	Black Baza	92	10	White-bellied Sea Eagle	11
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	7	11	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	2
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	2	12	Crested Serpent Eagle	2
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	1	13	Crested Goshawk	1
7	Booted Eagle	2	14	Changeable Hawk-eagle	6
8	Peregrine Falcon	4			
				<i>Un-identified</i>	
			15	Un-identified Raptor	1
			16	Un-identified <i>Accipiter</i>	2
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>112</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>158</b>

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