

## Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, January 2012

### Summary for migrant species:

In January a total of 57 migrant raptors of 12 species were recorded. The **Jerdon's Baza** surprised us again with an all time high of 11 individuals reported on the 14<sup>th</sup> at Changi! Again this record came from Lau Jiasheng, Danny Lau and Tan Kok Hui. Separately, Lim Kim Chuah also had a good record of 7 Jerdon's Baza on the 29<sup>th</sup>. This made the Jerdon's Baza the second most numerous migrant raptor for January 2012!

The most numerous migrant raptor was the **Oriental Honey-Buzzard** with 14 birds. For once, the **Black Baza** shared the third spot with the **Chinese Sparrowhawk** as well as the **Japanese Sparrowhawk**. There were 5 individuals for each of these three species in January. Yang Weixing was lucky to see a juvenile female Japanese Sparrowhawk with a Yellow-vented Bulbul in its claws on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month. January turned out to be quite a good month for the **Pied Harrier**, starting with a juvenile on the 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lee Tiah Khee, followed by a female on the 14<sup>th</sup> by Nicholas Tan and a male on the 29<sup>th</sup> by Lim Kim Chuah, all of which were photographed. Again Changi was the hotspot.



*Pied Harrier, female, at Changi, on 140112, by Nicholas Tan*

A single juvenile **Rufous-bellied Eagle** drew quite a number of birders / photographers make the 30-minute climb to the summit of Bukit Timah Hill as it remained there for most part of the month. There was a single record of the **Booted Eagle** at the Pulau Seletar on the 14th. Lee Tiah Khee had much luck with the **Eastern Marsh Harrier** – recording 4 individuals on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Changi. Two **Common Buzzards** were recorded at Changi. As usual, small numbers of **Osprey** and **Peregrine Falcon** were also recorded.



*Common Buzzard, at Changi, on 290112, by Low Choon How*

**Highlights for sedentary species:**

The rare **Crested Goshawk** seems to be making a strong comeback as three juveniles / immatures were recorded at different locations. Mick Price saw one on the 12<sup>th</sup> at Sentosa, Ric Seet photographed one at the Botanic Gardens on the 19<sup>th</sup> and See Toh Yew Wai photographed one at Goldhill Avenue on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Other resident raptors recorded included the **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, **Changeable Hawk-eagle**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle**, **Brahminy Kite** and **Black-winged Kite**. There were also five unidentified *Accipiters* and two other unidentified raptors.

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	3			
2	Jerdon's Baza	11		<b><i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i></b>	
3	Black Baza	5	13	Black-winged Kite	5
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	14	14	Brahminy Kite	13
5	Eastern Marsh Harrier	4	15	White-bellied Sea Eagle	10
6	Pied Harrier	3	16	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	5
7	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5	17	Crested Goshawk	5
8	Japanese Sparrowhawk	5	18	Changeable Hawk-eagle	7
9	Common Buzzard	2			
10	Booted Eagle	1		<b><i>Unidentified</i></b>	
11	Rufous-bellied Eagle	1	19	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	5
12	Peregrine Falcon	3	20	Unidentified Raptors	2
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>109</b>

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