

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, January 2015



White-bellied Sea Eagle, juvenile, on 4 Jan 15, by Low Choon How

Summary for migrant species:

In January, 37 raptors of 9 migrant species were recorded. One of the highlights was a **Booted Eagle** photographed by Serin Subaraj at Pulau Ubin on the afternoon of 26 Jan; there were no records of the species last month (Dec 14). Another highlight was the **Common Kestrel** recorded by Low Choon How at Tuas on 25 Jan. Other noteworthy migrant raptors included 2 **Jerdon's Bazas**, one of which was photographed by Alvin Seng at Tampines Eco Green on 30 Jan and another photographed by Liz at the Botanic Gardens on 31 Jan. A single **Eastern Marsh Harrier** was recorded at Changi by Lee Tiah Khee on 23 Jan.

A total of 4 **Peregrine Falcons** were recorded, including an *ernesti* that was seen by Lee Ee Ling at the usual place in the Central Business District. There were only 2 records of the **Japanese Sparrowhawk**. Notably, there were *no* records of the Chinese Sparrowhawk, same as last month (Dec 14)! Twelve **Oriental Honey Buzzards** were recorded, and these birds should be staying here till the spring migration. The same goes for the 9 **Black Bazas** and 5 **Ospreys**.

