

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, March 2013

Summary for migrant species:

A round total of 100 migrant raptors of 8 species were recorded in March 2013. The **Black Bazas** maintained the pole position with 65 birds. The **Japanese Sparrowhawk** was a surprise as it tied for second place with the more usual **Oriental Honey Buzzard**. Both were represented by 9 birds.

March was a month of ties as the next spot was shared by 4 species with 4 birds each. They were **Osprey**, **Jerdon's Baza**, **Chinese Sparrowhawk** and **Peregrine Falcon**. The last Jerdon's Bazas were recorded on 13 March 2013 and Alfred Chia kindly highlighted that the 'late date' set by 2 Jerdon's Baza last season on 11 March 2012 was exceeded by 2 days. Lorong Halus continued to be the favoured spot for the Jerdon's Baza. The last migrant species was the single **Booted Eagle** photographed on 23 March 2013, extending the 'late date' by 15 days, from 8 Mar previously. The eagle was at its usual wintering spot – Seletar North Link.



Japanese Sparrowhawk, female, at Dairy Farm, on 31 March 13, by Francis Yap.

Highlights for sedentary species: Up to 2 juvenile **Crested Goshawks** were reported from the Singapore Botanic Gardens, indicating breeding in that vicinity. Yang Pah Liang photographed 1 juvenile on the 4th and Chwee Kim reported up to 2 on the 6th, 13th and 17th. Nesting activity was recorded for the **Changeable Hawk-eagle**.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	4		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	4	9	Black-winged Kite	3
3	Black Baza	65	10	Brahminy Kite	26
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	9	11	White-bellied Sea Eagle	21
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	4	12	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	3
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	9	13	Crested Goshawk	3
7	Booted Eagle	1	14	Changeable Hawk-eagle	5
8	Peregrine Falcon	4			
				<i>Un-identified</i>	
			15	Un-identified Raptor	9
Total for Migrants		100		Grand Total	170

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