

## Singapore Raptor Report Autumn Migration, October 2012

*Japanese Sparrowhawk,  
juvenile,  
feeding on a bird,  
at Lorong Halus, 191012,  
by Lee Tiah Khee.*



### Summary for migrant species:

A total of 145 migrant raptors of 10 species were recorded this month. The most numerous was the **Black Baza** with 104 birds. Khng Eu Meng had the privilege of seeing a flock of approximately 100 birds on migration at Neo Tiew Lane on the 29<sup>th</sup> of the month. The second spot went to the **Japanese Sparrowhawk** with 10 birds. The **Oriental Honey Buzzard** was relegated to number three with 9 birds.

A dark morph **Booted Eagle** photographed by Tan Kok Hui on the 26<sup>th</sup> set a new early date (the previous early date was 5 Nov). This month saw the arrival of a male, a female and a juvenile **Eastern Marsh Harrier** at Changi / Tanah Merah. Another was seen over the Central Catchment Forest, probably on migration. The **Pied Harrier** had also arrived and 2 females were photographed at Changi by Lee Tiah Khee.

A **Common Buzzard** over the Biopolis on the 16<sup>th</sup> was a nice record from Horst Flotow. Another Common Buzzard was at the species' usual haunt – Changi – on the 21<sup>st</sup>. There were also 5 **Peregrine Falcons**, 5 **Chinese Sparrowhawks** and 3 **Ospreys**.

**Highlights for sedentary species:**

Two rare residents were recorded this month. A **Crested Serpent Eagle** at Bidadari on the 14<sup>th</sup> was a nice surprise for Andrew Chow. The other rare resident was the **Crested Goshawk** – an adult was photographed at the western part of Singapore by Mike Koh.

The **Black-winged Kite** is holding out at Changi / Tanah Merah with 5 birds recorded. The only other 2 sites were Lorong Halus and Turut Track where only 1 individual, each, was recorded. The **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** is still a regular at the Central Reservoirs.

As always, the **Brahminy Kite**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle** and **Changeable Hawk-eagle** were also recorded.



*Oriental Honey-buzzard, dark morph, turning “upside down” in flight, in response to being mobbed by a Black-winged Kite, at Tanah Merah, 201012, by Nicholas Tan.*

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	3		<b>Residents / Sedentary Species</b>	
2	Black Baza	104	11	Black-winged Kite	7
3	Oriental Honey Buzzard	9	12	Brahminy Kite	8
4	Eastern Marsh Harrier	4	13	White-bellied Sea Eagle	12
5	Pied Harrier	2	14	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	4
6	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5	15	Crested Serpent Eagle	1
7	Japanese Sparrowhawk	10	16	Crested Goshawk	1
8	Common Buzzard	2	17	Changeable Hawk-eagle	8
9	Booted Eagle	1			
10	Peregrine Falcon	5		<b>Unidentified</b>	
			18	Unidentified Raptors	1
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>145</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>187</b>

*Compiled by Tan Gim Cheong*