

Singapore Raptor Report

Late Spring Migration, April-June 2013

Summary:

The late migrant raptors comprised the usual species – **Osprey**, **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, **Japanese Sparrowhawk** and **Peregrine Falcon**. It is worth noting that the May & June records of the Peregrine Falcon were of the *ernesti* race and most likely the same individual. For the resident raptors, it was good to have records of the locally rare Crested Goshawk in all 3 months, including 2 different juveniles in different locations.

1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
13 Apr	2	Upper Seletar Reservoir, 5pm	John Spencer
8 Jun	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Apr	1	Jalan Kayu, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
8 Apr	1	Singapore, juvenile pale morph	Kwong Wai Chong
10 Apr	1	Jalan Bukit Merah, 7:30am	John Spencer
12 Apr	2	Siloso Beach, Sentosa, flying east, low over the sea, 6:45pm	John Spencer
14 Apr	1	Lorong Halus, juvenile	Low Choon How
21 Apr	1	Lorong Halus, juvenile dark morph	Low Choon How
21 Apr	1	Bidadari, male, pale morph, thermalling at 9:28am	Lim Kim Keang
21 Apr	1	Pasir Ris Park, female, 11:48am	Lim Kim Keang & Alan Owyong
21 Apr	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, pale morph	Lim Kim Seng
24 Apr	1	Japanese Garden, mobbed by 7-8 House Crows	KP Teh
7 May	1	Chinese Garden, mobbed by 7-8 House Crows	KP Teh

3. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6 Apr	1	Portsdown Road, male, thermalling and then flying towards the north	Alan Owyong
14 Apr	1	Lorong Halus	Low Choon How
20 Apr	1	Lorong Halus, male, hunting at 8:16am	Lim Kim Keang

4. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Apr	1	Chinese Garden	Willie Foo
9 Apr	1	Pulau Ubin, adult, <i>calidus</i> race	Aldwin Recinto
15 May	1	Church Street, <i>ernesti</i> race, on the ledge just below the eaves of Capital Square building, feeding, probably on a pigeon, 9am	Lee Ee Ling

22 May	1	Church Street, <i>ernesti</i> race, on the same ledge just below the eaves of Capital Square building, feeding, probably on a pigeon, 8:05am	Lee Ee Ling
25 Jun	1	Pickering Street, <i>ernesti</i> race, perched on a ledge just below the roof-top of the Great Eastern Centre, 6:05pm. Conditions : drizzle & hazy (PSI 73)	Lee Ee Ling

5. Unidentified Sparrowhawk *Accipiter sp*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Apr	2	Punggol Water Area	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
12 May	2-3	Kranji, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
13 May	1	Tuas South	Low Choon How

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	2	Poyan	Ho Yongtze
2 Apr	4	Sarimbun	Ho Yongtze
2 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Road	Ho Yongtze
3 Apr	1	Lorong Halus	Ho Yongtze
3 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Road	Ho Yongtze
4 Apr	1	East Coast Park, near Bedok Camp	Ho Yongtze
6 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Road	Ho Yongtze
6 Apr	1	Yishun Pond, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
7 Apr	1	Pan Island Expressway near Eng Neo Exit, 2:55pm	Steven Chong
7 Apr	2	Pandan River, both adults	Yap Euhian
7 Apr	3	Punggol Water Area, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
7 Apr	1	Jalan Kayu, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
12 Apr	2	Clarke Quay, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
12 Apr	2	Kent Ridge Road	Ho Yongtze
13 Apr	1	Pasir Ris Park, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
14 Apr	2	Lorong Halus	Low Choon How
25 Apr	1	Kampong Bahru Road, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
28 Apr	2	Jurong Lake	Low Choon How
28 Apr	2	Bishan Park, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
Apr	1-2	Chinese & Japanese Garden, multiple sightings over the month of April	KP Teh

1 May	1	Lorong Halus, 10:30am	Wille Foo & Koh Ai Kiak
2 May	3	MacRitchie Reservoir, 2 adults, 1 juvenile	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
4 May	2	Saddle Club	Low Choon How
4 May	9	Coney Island / Lorong Halus, evening	Low Choon How
12 May	2	Kranji, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
14 May	1	Tuas South	Low Choon How
19 May	4	Pulau Ubin, 10:45am	Wille Foo & Koh Ai Kiak
26 May	2	Chinese/Japanese Gardens, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
May	1	Clarke Quay, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
May	1	Chinese & Japanese Garden, multiple sightings over the month of May	KP Teh
8 Jun	3	MacRitchie Reservoir, 2 adults, 1 juvenile	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
13 Jun	1	Outram Park	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
15 Jun	1	Kranji, 9:25am	“Pied Aterre“
17 Jun	1	Singapore Flyer, 3pm	Willie Foo
19 Jun	3	Tuas	Low Choon How

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	1	Fort Canning, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
2 Apr	4	Sarimbun	Ho Yongtze
2 Apr	1	Marina Bay Sands	Ho Yongtze
3 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Road	Ho Yongtze
4 Apr	2	Pulau Tekong	Ho Yongtze
5 Apr	1	Old Upper Thomson Road, near Yio Chu Kang Road	Ho Yongtze
7 Apr	3	Punggol Water Area, 2 adults, 1 sub-adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
7 Apr	1	Chinese Garden	Willie Foo
12 Apr	1	Kent Ridge Crescent, flying low over NUS	Ho Yongtze
13 Apr	2	Pasir Ris Park, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
18 Apr	1	NUS Central Library	Ho Yongtze
26 Apr	1	The Pinnacle at Duxton, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
28 Apr	1	MacRitchie Reservoir	Lim Kim Seng
28 Apr	2	Jurong Lake	Low Choon How
28 Apr	1	Bishan Park, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
30 Apr	1	Upper East Coast Road & Bedok South Road junction	Willie Foo
Apr	1-2	Chinese & Japanese Garden, multiple sightings over the month of April	KP Teh
1 May	1	Marina Bay, 6:30pm	Wille Foo
2 May	2	MacRitchie Reservoir, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
3 May	1	Jurong Point	Low Choon How
4 May	2	Coney Island / Lorong Halus, evening	Low Choon How
11 May	1	Seletar Expressway near Woodlands	Low Choon How
11 May	4	Fort Canning Park, 2 adults circling, 2 fully fledged young in nest, 5:30pm. Conditions : dry, cloudy, wind force 1.	John Spencer
12 May	2	Kranji, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE

18 May	1	Pang Sua Canal, 8:30am	Steven Chong
19 May	4	Pulau Ubin, Lily Pond, including 2 juveniles, 10am	Wille Foo & Koh Ai Kiak
19 May	2	Pulau Ubin, Heron Pond, 11:10am	Wille Foo & Koh Ai Kiak
19 May	1	The Pinnacle at Duxton, 3 rd year bird	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
23 May	1	Yishun SAFRA, 2pm	Steven Chong
May	1	Chinese & Japanese Garden, multiple sightings over the month of May	KP Teh
1 Jun	1	PSA Container Port, 3pm	Willie Foo
8 Jun	2	MacRitchie Reservoir, adults	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
9 Jun	2	Pulau Ubin, 11am	Willie Foo
15 Jun	1	Bukit Timah Hill	Low Choon How
16 Jun	1	Yew Tee	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
20 Jun	1	Fort Canning	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6 Apr	1	Lorong Halus	Low Choon How
13 Apr	1	Pasir Ris Park, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
14 Apr	1	Lorong Halus	Low Choon How
30 Apr	1	Pulau Ubin, Pekan Quarry, morning	Alan Owyong
2 May	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, adult	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
29 May	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park, feeding	Yap Euhian

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3 Apr	1	King's Avenue, Sembawang, morning, heard only	Margie Hall
9 Apr	1	NUS, near Science Drive 4, adult perched on tree	Ho Yongtze
21 Apr	1	Winchester Road facing Normanton Park, adult perched on a tree	Danny Lau
5 May	1	Kent Ridge Park Canopy Walk, flying in the direction of Telok Blangah, 10am. Conditions : dry, sunny, partly cloudy, wind force 2.	John Spencer
15 May	1	Pasir Ris Park, juvenile	Ben Quek
12 Jun	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens, Healing Garden, juvenile	Lawrence Cher

Changeable Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4 Apr	1	Pulau Tekong, dark morph	Ho Yongtze
14 Apr	1	East Coast Park, Fort Road Entrance, 12pm	John Spencer
16 Apr	1	Pulau Ubin, flying east towards Pulau Tekong, dark morph, morning	Frankie Cheong
24 Apr	1	Tuas	Low Choon How

28 Apr	1	Jelutong Tower, Central Catchment, juvenile, morning	Lim Kim Seng
29 Apr	1	Changi Coast Road, perched on lamp post outside SAFRA resort, 6pm	Frankie Cheong
30 Apr	1	Changi Coast Road, perched on lamp post outside SAFRA resort, 6pm	Frankie Cheong
4 May	1	Seletar Expressway towards Central Expressway near Yio Chu Kang, road shoulder, dead individual	Low Choon How
5 May	1	Kent Ridge Park Canopy Walk, pale morph, flying in the direction of Telok Blangah, 10am. Conditions : dry, sunny, partly cloudy, wind force 2.	John Spencer
11 May	1	Lorong Halus, dark morph	Low Choon How
12 May	1	Kranji, dark morph young on nest, almost ready to fledge	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE
5 Jun	1	Ulu Pandan Canal near Sunset Way	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE

Unidentified Raptors

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	4	Sarimbun	Ho Yongtze
22 May	2	Tuas South, thermalling very high up	Low Choon How
26 May	1	Chinese/Japanese Gardens	Jean-Marc CHAVATTE

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Many thanks to everyone for sending in their records.