

Singapore Raptor Report Late Spring Migration, April-June 2015



Oriental Honey-buzzard (orientalis) that had lost all its tail feathers, Bidadari, 18 April 14, by See Toh Yew Wai

Summary:

The Osprey, Oriental Honey-buzzard, Japanese Sparrowhawk and Peregrine Falcon were recorded during late spring migration 2015. The number of records for the **Oriental Honey Buzzard** during this period has increased - 5 juvenile *orientalis* were recorded in April, 2 juvenile *orientalis* in May and 3 juvenile *orientalis* in June. Some of these juveniles would probably be over-summering in the tropics. A total of 3 **Japanese Sparrowhawks** were recorded in April, the last of which (an adult male) crashed into a building and died, unfortunately. A single **Osprey** was photographed at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 15 June. An **ernesti Peregrine Falcon** returned to its usual haunt at the rooftop of buildings at Church Street and another flew by the Botanic Gardens - these are considered non-breeding visitors. A **torquatus Oriental Honey-buzzard** (sedentary subspecies) at Pasir Ris was a nice record. For the resident raptors, noteworthy records include that of the locally rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** on 4 April at Pulau Ubin and nesting of the **Crested Goshawk** on Sentosa in April - where the chick was rescued, raised by a vet and released. Also, records of the Crested Goshawks at 5 locations in the month of June augur well for the species. A **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** at the Botanic Gardens attracted a fair bit of attention in June.

1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
15 Jun	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Jean-Pierre Bousquet

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
18 Apr	1	Bidadari, juvenile <i>orientalis</i> pale morph that lost all its tail feathers	Tan Kok Hui, See Toh Yew Wai
25 Apr	3	Henderson Wave, juvenile <i>orientalis</i> pale morphs in flight, 10am, heading north	Low Choon How
29 Apr	1	Lorong Halus, juvenile dark <i>orientalis</i> male	Alvin Seng
April	1	Pasir Ris Park, <i>torquatus</i>	Lo Wai Munn
2 May	1	Istana, perched, 5:20pm	Sarah Martens
23 May	1	Park East Condo, Jalan Tua Kong, juvenile <i>orientalis</i> pale morph	Lee Li-er
30 May	1	Tuas, juvenile <i>orientalis</i> pale morph with active wing moult, no tail moult	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau
2 Jun	1	Old Bukit Timah Rail Station (Green Corridor), no crest, dark morph	Kerry Pereira
18 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens, juvenile <i>orientalis</i> pale morph with active wing moult, evening	Tan Eng Boo
20 Jun	1	Dempsey Hill, 2nd year bird, <i>orientalis</i>	Sampath Ah
26 Jun	1	Tampines Eco Green, juvenile <i>orientalis</i>	Alvin Seng



*Another view of the Oriental Honey-buzzard (*orientalis*) that had lost all its tail feathers, Bidadari, 18 April 14, by See Toh Yew Wai*

3. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5 Apr	1	Punggol Barat, male, in flight, morning	Zacc HD
8 Apr	1	Singapore, chasing after Brahminy Kite, morning	David Li
14 Apr	1	Punggol, crashed into building and died, adult male	Ashley Ng

4. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
19 Jun	1	Capital Square, Church Street, roof ledge, feeding on feral pigeon, <i>ernesti</i>	Lee Ee Ling
27 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens, Swan Lake, 6:30pm, <i>ernesti</i>	Woo Jia Wei

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7 Jun	1	Lorong Halus	Johnny Wee

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6 Apr	1	Pandan River, adult, 8:40am	Yap Euhian
8 Apr	1	Singapore, morning	David Li
12 Apr	1	Pelagic Survey	Tan Kok Hui
25 Apr	2	Chinese Gardens	Kerry Pereira
1 May	1	Plaza Singapura, 11:02am	Sarah Martens
14 May	2	Pandan River, adults, 9:21am	Yap Euhian
17 May	6	During pelagic survey	Alfred Chia
28 May	2	Mandai, immatures, morning	Doreen Ang, Roopali Raghavan, Lim Zong Xian
1 Jun	2	Park East Condo, Jalan Tua Kong	Lee Li-er
6 Jun	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 10:10am	Kerry Pereira
8 Jun	1	Tampines Eco Green, juvenile	Alvin Seng
14 Jun	1	Pulau Ubin HSBC Volunteer Hub, 4:50pm	Kerry Pereira

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3 Apr	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, adult	Jean-Pierre Bousquet
12 Apr	1	Pelagic Survey	Tan Kok Hui
30 Apr	1	Pasir Ris Park, immature	Alvin Seng

Early May	1	Nest opposite Valley Park Condo	Margie Hall
16 May	1	Pangsua Canal, adult, 7:30am	Steven Chong
17 May	1	During pelagic survey, immature	Alfred Chia
22 May	1	Tanglin International Centre	Kerry Pereira
28 May	1	Mandai, adult, morning	Doreen Ang, Roopali Raghavan, Lim Zong Xian
6 Jun	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 9:16am	Kerry Pereira
9 Jun	2	Mandai Mudflats, 9:15am	Kerry Pereira
13 Jun	2	Pulau Ubin visitors' centre, 5:40pm	Kerry Pereira
14 Jun	1	Pulau Ubin Jelutong Campsite, 10:15am	Kerry Pereira
14 Jun	1	Pulau Ubin HSBC Volunteer Hub, 4:50pm	Kerry Pereira

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3 Apr	1	Faber Crest, 9am	Peng Ah Huay
3 Apr	1	Pandan River, adult, 9:44am	Yap Euhian
5 Apr	1	Faber Crest, 8am	Peng Ah Huay
14 May	2	Pandan River, adults, 9:28am	Yap Euhian
10 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens	Jeremiah Loei
11 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens	Alvin Seng
13 Jun	1	Pulau Ubin, Pekan Quarry	David Li
19 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens	Woo Jia Wei
24 Jun	1	Central Catchment Nature Reserve	Andrew Chow
29 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens	Sreedharan Gopalsamy

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4	1	Pulau Ubin	Amanda Tay

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
Apr 2015	1	Sentosa, chick rescued from a nest on a tree that was cut without prior knowledge of nest. Chick cared for by Sentosa vet and released.	Daniel Seah
8 Apr	1	Hougang	Lisa Pape
20 May	1	Kent Ridge Park, 10:36am	Yap Euhian
2 Jun	1	Botanic Gardens, adult	Lawrence Cher
6 Jun	1	Ang Mo Kio Garden West, adult, 11am	Audrey Ngo
10 Jun	1	Pasir Ris Park	Alvin Seng
12 Jun	1	Japanese Gardens, juvenile	Lawrence Cher
15 Jun	1	Kent Ridge Park, adult	Rey Aguila
29 Jun	1	Canopy Walk, Southern Ridges, adult	Lawrence Cher

Changeable Hawk-eagle *Spizaetus cirrhatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4 Apr	1	Mandai Mangroves, dark morph, 10:03am	Kong Pei Ling
4 Apr	1	Choa Chu Kang Park, dark morph, afternoon	Lim Kim Seng
1 Apr - end May	3	Mount Faber, young pale morph on nest and 2 adult pale morphs. Prey included rats, lizards, squirrels, Rock & Green Pigeons	Alan OwYong
2 May	2	Mount Faber, young pale morph on nest and adult pale morph	Alvin Seng
17 May	1	Pulau Jong, during pelagic survey	Alfred Chia

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