

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, January 2011

Summary:

A total of 145 migrant raptors of 11 species were recorded this month. There were no new species compared to last month. The **Black Baza** continued to be the most numerous with 101 birds. Next was the **Oriental Honey Buzzard** with 12 birds followed by the **Peregrine Falcon** with 9 birds. At Changi, there were single records each of the **Jerdon's Baza** (on the 29th), **Black Kite** and **Eastern Marsh Harrier** (both on the 22nd) by Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng, Tan Kok Hui and Con Foley. 2 **Common Buzzards** continued to frequent the Changi area and one was seen flying over Bukit Timah Plaza by Horst Flotow. 5 **Ospreys** were recorded and again, there were more **Chinese Sparrowhawks** (5) than **Japanese Sparrowhawks** (4). The number of **Booted Eagles** increased to 3 this month, but they were very localized at Seletar West.



Osprey, by Fang Sher Chyet

For the resident raptors, there were the usual **Black-winged Kites**, **Brahminy Kites**, **White-bellied Sea Eagles**, **Grey-headed Fish Eagles** and **Changeable Hawk-eagles**. Unfortunately, a juvenile pale morph Changeable Hawk-eagle crashed into the National Library and died early this month despite the efforts of passer-bys to save it. It was also interesting to note that a pair of Grey-headed Fish Eagles had re-used a former White-bellied Sea Eagle's nest and raised a chick successfully.



White-bellied Sea Eagle with fish, by Jason Cho

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	5		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	1	12	Black-winged Kite	13
3	Black Baza	101	13	Brahminy Kite	32
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	12	14	White-bellied Sea Eagle	24
5	Black Kite	1	15	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	6
6	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	16	Changeable Hawk-eagle	17
7	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5			
8	Japanese Sparrowhawk	4		<i>Unidentified</i>	
9	Common Buzzard	3	17	Unidentified Raptors	1
10	Booted Eagle	3	18	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	5
11	Peregrine Falcon	9			
Total for Migrants		145		Grand Total	253

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