

## Singapore Autumn Raptor Migration - Early Arrivals July - September 2012.

### Summary:

Only 3 migrant raptor species arrived in early autumn. The **Ospreys** frequenting the northern coastal areas of Singapore made up the bulk of the early arrivals. Next was an **Oriental Honey-buzzard** photographed on 12 Aug at Bukit Batok by Eddy Lee. The single male **Japanese Sparrowhawk** photographed by Francis Yap at Bukit Brown on 18 Sep was the only other early arrival.

Last season, an OHB photographed on 27 Aug 2011 set the early date back by 14 days (from 10 Sep previously). This year, the single early OHB on 12 Aug 2012 sets back the early date by another 15 days. This bird may actually have over-summered in the tropics.

For the residents, the notable record was that of 2 **Crested Goshawks** in display flight over NUS Campus.

### 1. Osprey

- 12 Aug 3 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Horst Flotow.
- 17 Aug 1 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Lim Kim Chuah.
- 19 Aug 2 at Seletar, by Low Choon How.
- 20 Aug 1 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.
  
- 2 Sep 1 at Kranji Dam during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Lee Ee Ling, Lee Wei Siang & Pauline Lee.
- 2 Sep 2 at Mandai mudflats during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Lim Kim Keang & David Li.
- 29 Sep 1 at Neo Tiew Lane 2 by Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.

### 2. Oriental Honey-buzzard

- 12 Aug 1 photographed at Bukit Batok by Eddy Lee.

### 3. Japanese Sparrowhawk

- 18 Sep 1 male photographed at Bukit Brown by Francis Yap.

## Resident Raptors

### Black-winged Kite

- 8 Jul 1 at Poyan during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Danny Lau & Con Foley.
  
- 26 Aug 1 at Marina Bay East, by Danny Lau.
- Aug 5 at Tuas, by Low Choon How.
  
- 2 Sep 1 at Poyan during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Con Foley.
- 16 Aug 1 at Marina Bay East, by Danny Lau.

### **Brahminy Kite**

- 8 Jul 1 at Serangoon during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Tan Kok Hui.  
8 Jul 1 at Poyan during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Danny Lau & Con Foley.  
8 Jul 2 at Kranji Dam during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Lee Ee Ling & Pauline Lee.  
8 Jul 8 at Ubin Central during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Sutari Supari, Ali Jaafar & Rehan Yusoff.  
8 Jul 4 at Ubin West during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Willie Foo.  
8 Jul 2 at Sungei Mandai during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Lim Kim Keang & David Li.  
8 Jul 1 at Bishan Park during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Chan Kim Cheng, Maurice Kwan & Yan Kie Jun.  
15 Jul 1 at Sungei Pandan by Danny Lau.  
  
12 Aug 5 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Horst Flotow.  
20 Aug 2 adults at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Danny Lau & Tan Kok ui.  
Aug 12 (8 sub-adults and 4 adults) at Tuas, by Low Choon How.  
  
2 Sep 1 at Serangoon during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Tan Kok Hui.  
2 Sep 2 at Admiralty Park during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Wong Chung Cheong & Cindy Ng.  
13 Sep 1 at Simpang, by Tan Kok Hui.  
22 Sep 1 juvenile at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Ben Lee.  
30 Sep 10 at St John's Island, by Peck Chan.  
30 Sep 6 at Kusu Island, by Peck Chan.

### **White-bellied Sea Eagle**

- 1 Jul 1 adult, 2 juveniles seen at Choa Chu Kang Park by Danny Lau.  
8 Jul 2 at Serangoon during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Tan Kok Hui.  
8 Jul 2 at Lorong Halus during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Alfred Chia.  
8 Jul 1 at Kranji Dam during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Lee Ee Ling & Pauline Lee.  
8 Jul 10 at Ubin Central during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Sutari Supari, Ali Jaafar & Rehan Yusoff.  
8 Jul 2 at Ubin West during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Willie Foo.  
8 Jul 2 at Sungei Mandai during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Lim Kim Keang & David Li.  
15 Jul 1 at Sungei Pandan by Danny Lau.  
18 Jul 2 adults, 2 juveniles seen at Choa Chu Kang Park by Danny Lau.  
19 Jul 1 juvenile at Lorong Halus by Terry Heppell.  
22 Jul 2 juveniles seen at Labrador by Danny Lau.  
  
12 Aug 2 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Horst Flotow.  
20 Aug 1 adult at Upper Pierce by Con Foley, Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.  
29 Aug 2 adults at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Terry Heppell.  
Aug 3 at Tuas, by Low Choon How.  
  
2 Sep 1 at Serangoon during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Tan Kok Hui.  
2 Sep 1 at Poyan during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Con Foley.

- 2 Sep 3 at Ubin West during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Willie Foo, Chris Ledge & Geoff Ledger.  
 2 Sep 2 at Kranji Dam during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Lee Ee Ling, Lee Wei Siang & Pauline Lee.  
 29 Sep 1 immature at Neo Tiew Lane 2 by Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.  
 29 Sep 4 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.

### **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**

- 2 Jul 1 immature seen at MacRitchie Reservoir by Lim Kim Seng.  
 9 Jul 1 at Singapore Botanic Gardens, by Robert Teo.  
  
 12 Aug 1 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Horst Flotow.  
  
 2 Sep 1 at Serangoon during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Tan Kok Hui.  
 29 Sep 1 adult at Neo Tiew Lane 2 by Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.

### **Crested Goshawk**

- 4 Aug 2 in display flight over NUS Campus, by Lim Kim Seng.  
  
 20 Sep 1 adult recovered from Marsiling Lane, by Yong Ding Li.

### **Changeable Hawk-eagle**

- 1 Jul 2 adults (1 pale, 1 dark morph), 1 juvenile (pale morph) seen at Choa Chu Kang Park by Danny Lau.  
 7 Jul 3 adults (2 pale, 1 dark morph) seen at Lorong Halus by Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.  
 8 Jul 1 at Serangoon during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Tan Kok Hui.  
 8 Jul 2 at Poyan during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Danny Lau & Con Foley.  
 8 Jul 1 at Nee Soon Forest during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Yong Ding Li, Mick Price & Albert Low.  
 8 Jul 2 at Dairy Farm during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Gerard Francis, Randal Ong, David Gould, Fance & Jimmy Lee.  
 8 Jul 1 at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Lim Kim Chuah.  
 8 Jul 1 at Sime Forest during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Lim Kim Seng.  
 8 Jul 1 at Ubin West during Mid-Year Bird Census, by Willie Foo.  
 18 Jul 2 adults, 1 juvenile seen at Choa Chu Kang Park by Danny Lau.  
 28 Jul 1 seen near Pang Sua Canal at 9am by Steven Chong.  
*"I think it was a solitary Changeable Hawk-eagle, Spizaetus cirrhatus, flying towards a tall telegraphic pole along Pang Sua canal. There was a container at the top end of the pole like a large tin can probably containing something which attracted the raptor, as it looked inside, whether anything to eat I cant tell as very high up, did its thing and took off...I was jogging passed it and saw it high above approach the pole."*  
  
 20 Aug 2 adults (1 pale, 1 dark morph) at Goldhill Avenue by Con Foley, Danny Lau & Tan Kok Hui.  
 Aug 2 (1 dark and 1 pale morph) at Lorong Halus, by Low Choon How.

- 2 Sep 1 at Ubin West during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Willie Foo, Chris Ledge & Geoff Ledger.  
2 Sep 1 at Nee Soon during Fall Migration Bird Census, by Yong Ding Li.  
18 Sep 1 pale morph adult photographed at Bukit Brown by Francis Yap.

**Un-identified Raptors**

- 8 Aug A mid sized hawk (buzzard size) seen at Kent Ridge, flying with a Brahminy Kite, smaller with long slender wings, by Horst Flotow.

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