

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, March 2014



Black Bazas over Jurong Lake, 210314, by Chan K C.

Summary for migrant species:

In March, 84 raptors of 10 migrant species were recorded. Chan K C had the good luck of encountering at least 30 **Black Bazas** over Jurong Lake area on the 21st of the month. The birds were circling for about a minute before moving off. The other lucky birder, through sheer persistence, was Low Choon How, who recorded a male **Pied Harrier** at Tuas South on the 8th of the month. He also recorded a female **Eastern Marsh Harrier** on the same day, and again on the 23rd. Alan Owyong also had the good fortune of recording a **Booted Eagle** at Changi during the Bird Census.

There were 3 **Jerdon's Baza** at Lorong Halus, an improvement over last month's single record. On the other hand, the wintering **Common Kestrel** at Tuas was not recorded and may have started its northward migration for its breeding grounds.

The other migrant raptors included the **Osprey** at the northern coastal areas, **Oriental Honey Buzzard** throughout the island, **Japanese Sparrowhawk**, and a few **Peregrine Falcon** and **Chinese Sparrowhawk**.

Summary for resident raptors:

An immature **Crested Goshawk** was photographed by Simon Siow at Lower Pierce on the 9th of the month. Nesting activities were recorded for the **Black-winged Kite**, **Brahminy**

Kite and White-bellied Sea Eagle. The juvenile **Grey-headed Fish Eagles** continued to be present at Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin). The **Changeable Hawk-eagle** was also recorded at various localities.



Jerdon's Baza at Lorong Halus, 150314, by Lee Tiah Khee.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	2		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	3	11	Black-winged Kite	4
3	Black Baza	49	12	Brahminy Kite	20
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	14	13	White-bellied Sea Eagle	10
5	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	14	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	4
6	Pied Harrier	1	15	Crested Goshawk	1
7	Chinese Sparrowhawk	2	16	Changeable Hawk-eagle	9
8	Japanese Sparrowhawk	9			
9	Booted Eagle	1		<i>Unidentified</i>	
10	Peregrine Falcon	2	17	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	2
			18	Unidentified Raptor	1
	Total for Migrants	84		Grand Total	135

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