

Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, March 2015



Crested Goshawk, at Pasir Ris Park, on 30 Mar 15, by Alvin Seng.

Summary for migrant species:

In March, 52 raptors of 7 migrant species were recorded. The **Osprey** sprang back from no records last month to a single record, photographed by Mike To at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. March is the month when migrant raptors start making their way back to the north and we had a spike in the numbers of **Oriental Honey Buzzards (OHB)**, from 11 last month to 34 this month. Notably, there were 2 *torquatus* OHB, one on the 2nd at Netheravon Road and another on the 4th at Bidadari. Also, the **Japanese Sparrowhawk** saw a spike from 1 bird last month to 8 this month. The **Chinese Sparrowhawk** also had a modest increase from 1 bird last month to 4 this month. The **Jerdon's Baza** continued to be present at Lorong Halus Wetlands, photographed by See Toh Yew Wai on the 14th. The **Black Baza** dwindled to 2 birds. Finally, 2 **Peregrine Falcons** completed the line-up for this month's migrant raptors.

Highlights for sedentary species:

2 **Crested Goshawks**, an adult and a juvenile, were seen and photographed by many birders on the 7th at Pasir Ris Park. The Crested Goshawk proved to be a ferocious hunter, taking a young Civet which ventured out in the day with its family. Another juvenile was photographed at Bidadari by David Awcock on the 23rd, and an immature photographed at Bishan Park on the 28th by Jensen Seah, who noted that it called regularly.

There were 2 records of the **Crested Serpent Eagle**, a rare resident raptor. One was at Jacob Ballas Children's Garden on the 7th, recorded by Lean Chow and Myron Tay. The other was recorded at Malcolm Park on the 22th by Lim Kim Seng during the annual bird census.

The numbers for the **Black-winged Kite, Brahminy Kite, White-bellied Sea Eagle, Grey-headed Fish Eagle** and **Changeable Hawk-eagle** seemed to be stable. Nesting activities were observed for the White-bellied Sea Eagle and the Changeable Hawk-eagle.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	1		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	1	8	Black-winged Kite	7
3	Black Baza	2	9	Brahminy Kite	8
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	34	10	White-bellied Sea Eagle	7
5	Japanese Sparrowhawk	8	11	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	3
6	Chinese Sparrowhawk	4	12	Crested Serpent Eagle	2
7	Peregrine Falcon	2	13	Crested Goshawk	4
			14	Changeable Hawk-eagle	10
Total for Migrants		52		Grand Total	93

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