

Singapore Raptor Report

Autumn Migration, November 2009

Summary:

When we first started compiling the migrating raptors in 2007, we were hoping for numbers in the hundred. But this month's total count of 2,028 raptors completely blew us away. More than 78% were Oriental Honey Buzzards (OHBs) with 1,249 migrating down through Tuas South, diligently counted by Martti Siponen over 17 days. On the 6th and 7th Nov, he counted 325 and 374 OHBs respectively. This was matched by Kim Keang's count at Simei Savannah Condo of 216 OHBs migrating eastwards on the 14th. Black Bazas came in a distance second with 224 recorded while the Japanese Sparrowhawks made a surprised tally of 71, with a high count of 21 migrating over Tuas on the 7th. We had 11 migrant species and 2 non-breeding visitors. Pete Jones photographed a Common Kestrel, a rare winter visitor from his Jurong Condo on 4th, a first for Jurong. Mick Price had a surprised find of a perched Blyth's Hawk-eagle, a non breeding visitor, at Simpang Grasslands on the 4th. This was only the 4th record after another adult recorded at Mount Faber on 3 February 2003. Lim Kim Keang recorded a Pied Harrier, a rare winter visitor at Pulau Semakau, a new location record for this *Circus* species. We did not include the counts recorded during the Raptor Watch on 8th Nov in this report, which can be accessed @ <http://wildbirdsingapore.nss.org.sg/indexA.html>



Peregrine Falcon at Changi Cove by Lee Tiah Khee graced this month cover.

Table 1

S/N	Species	Total	S/N	Species	Total
1	Oriental Honey Buzzard (<i>Pernis ptilorhynchus</i>)	1587	9	Pied Harrier (<i>Circus melanoleucos</i>)	2
2	Black Baza (<i>Aviceda leuphotes</i>)	224	10	Grey-faced Buzzard (<i>Butastur indicus</i>)	5
3	Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	11	11	Booted Eagle (<i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i>)	1
4	Japanese Sparrowhawk (<i>Accipiter gularis</i>)	71	12	Blyth's Hawk-eagle (<i>Spizaetus alboniger</i>)	1
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk (<i>Accipiter soloensis</i>)	10	13	Common Kestrel (<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>)	1
6	Osprey (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)	10	14	Raptor Species	32
7	Eastern Marsh Harrier (<i>Circus spilonotus</i>)	9	15	Accipiter Species	60
8	Common Buzzard (<i>Buteo buteo</i>)	4		GRAND TOTAL	2028

Note : The total numbers are indicative only with similar species in the same area discounted to prevent duplication.