

## Singapore Raptor Report Autumn Migration, November 2016



*Jerdon's Baza, at Jelutong Tower, 30 Nov 2016, by Francis Yap.*

### Summary for migrant species:

The highlight of the month was the very rare **Eurasian Sparrowhawk** over Henderson Waves on the 17th, photographed by Keita Sin. This is the second record of this species in Singapore.

November being the peak month for migrant raptors in Singapore, saw the arrival of the **Jerdon's Baza**, **Black Baza**, **Black Kite** and **Booted Eagle**. The first Jerdon's Baza was photographed at Punggol Barat on the 13th and the second at Jelutong Tower on the 30th. The first Black Baza was recorded on the 8th, a rather late date compared to previous years. The only Black Kite was photographed at Tuas South on the 27th; it was a juvenile, as with most records for this species. A dark morph Booted Eagle was first photographed at Punggol Barat on the 6th and recorded several times later in the month; it will probably winter there.

A juvenile **Eastern Marsh Harrier** was recorded on video making many low passes over Kranji Marshes on the 19th. At Tuas South, a **Common Kestrel** was recorded on the 8th and the 16th, likely the same individual. Three **Peregrine Falcons** were recorded and the one at Millenia Tower right outside an office window presented a fantastic photo-opportunity.

Seven **Ospreys** were recorded, around the northern coast and Pulau Ubin. For the other *accipiters*, 23 **Japanese Sparrowhawks** and five **Chinese Sparrowhawks** were recorded. At Potong Pasir on the 7th, a juvenile Japanese Sparrowhawk collided into a window pane, carrying food, luckily it recovered after 10 minutes and flew off. Lastly, the **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, our most common migrant raptor, was represented by 202 birds.



*Oriental Honey Buzzard, a young torquatus tweeddale morph, at Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West, 25 Nov 2016, by Ender Tey.*

#### Highlights for sedentary species:

A smart-looking, young *torquatus tweeddale* morph **Oriental Honey Buzzard** was photographed at Ang Mo Kio on the 25th, while an adult was photographed at Pasir Ris Park on the 30th. The rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** was photographed at three localities this month, at Kent Ridge on the 10th, at Sembawang on the 14th and at Rifle Range Road on the 18th. The uncommon **Crested Goshawk** was photographed at the Botanic Gardens (adult male and female) and Pasir Ris Park (juvenile). A pair of **Grey-headed Fish Eagles** are nesting high up on a tall tree at Little Guilin and we hope for a successful nesting. There was a sight report of a Blyth's Hawk-Eagle, on the 14th at dawn, which cannot be verified due to the possibility of confusion with other similar-looking species. Other resident raptors recorded were **Black-winged Kite**, **Brahminy Kite**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle** and **Changeable Hawk-Eagle**.

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	7		<b>Residents / Sedentary Species</b>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	2	13	Black-winged Kite	6
3	Black Baza	27	14	Brahminy Kite	10
4	Black Kite	1	15	White-bellied Sea Eagle	5
5	Oriental Honey Buzzard	202	16	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	5
6	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	17	Crested Serpent Eagle	3
7	Chinese Sparrowhawk	5	18	Crested Goshawk	3
8	Japanese Sparrowhawk	23	19	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	8
9	Eurasian Sparrowhawk	1	20	<i>Blyth's Hawk-Eagle</i>	(1)
10	Booted Eagle	2			
11	Common Kestrel	1	21	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	14
12	Peregrine Falcon	3	22	Unidentified Raptors	2
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>275</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>331</b>

*Compiled by TAN Gim Cheong*



*Eurasian Sparrowhawk, with 6 'fingers' clearly visible,  
at Henderson Waves, 17 Nov 2016, by Keita Sin.*



*Booted Eagle, at Punggol Barat, 13 Nov 2016, by Francis Yap.*



*Peregrine Falcon, at Millenia Tower, 1 Nov 2016, by Zhang Licong.*