

Singapore Raptor Report Autumn Migration, October 2016



Common Buzzard, at Tuas South, 22 Oct 16, by Adrian Silas Tay.

Summary for migrant species:

October is the month when raptor migration starts to pickup and more than six hundred raptors of 9 migrant species were recorded. In terms of numbers, **Oriental Honey Buzzards** made up the bulk with 562 individuals, and the first influx of 246 birds was recorded on 16 Oct at Tuas South. There were 38 **Japanese Sparrowhawks**, mostly on passage, followed by 13 **Chinese Sparrowhawks**.

Observers spending time at Tuas were rewarded with a number of sought-after species. These included a **Common Buzzard** recorded on 22 Oct by Adrian Silas Tay and a few other birders; an immature male **Eastern Marsh Harrier** photographed on 22 Oct by Low Choon How; a dark morph **Booted Eagle** photographed on 23 Oct by See Toh Yew Wai; and a juvenile **Pied Harrier** photographed on 30 Oct by Low Choon How.

A **Peregrine Falcon** recorded at Lorong Halus on 29 Oct and an **Osprey** recorded at Kranji Marshes on 24 and 25 Oct completed the line up for the month. Surprisingly, there were no records of the Black Baza this October!



*Changeable Hawk-Eagle with prey (a Colugo),
at Dairy Farm Nature Park, 1 Oct 16, by Siew Mun.*

Highlights for sedentary species:

A rare image of a **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** with a Colugo in its talons was captured at Dairy Farm Nature Park on 1 Oct by Siew Mun. The rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** made a number of appearances at Kent Ridge this month, while a single record was reported at Sengkang Riverside Park. Kent Ridge and the nearby Telok Blangah Hill continued to be reliable areas to see the **Crested Goshawk**; additionally, there was a single record of an adult from Tagore/Lentor forest on 1 Oct. Also notable was an adult *torquatus* **OHB** photographed on 11 Oct by Marcel Finlay in the Central Forests. The other resident raptors recorded included the **Black-winged Kite**, **Brahminy Kite**, **White-bellied Sea Eagle** and **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	1		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Oriental Honey Buzzard	562	10	Black-winged Kite	2
3	Eastern Marsh Harrier	1	11	Brahminy Kite	3
4	Pied Harrier	1	12	White-bellied Sea Eagle	6
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	13	13	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	2
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	38	14	Crested Serpent Eagle	2
7	Booted Eagle	1	15	Crested Goshawk	5
8	Common Buzzard	1	16	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	11
9	Peregrine Falcon	1			
				<i>Unidentified</i>	
			17	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	20
			18	Unidentified Raptors	117
				Grand Total	787
Total for Migrants		619			

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*Chinese Sparrowhawk, adult female, at Pasir Ris Park,
9 Oct 16, by Rey Aguila*



*Japanese Sparrowhawk, adult female,
at South Buona Vista Road, 31 Oct 16, by Francis Yap.*