

## Singapore Raptor Report Spring Migration, March 2016



*Peregrine Falcon, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 28 Mar 16, by Francis Yap.*

### Summary for migrant species:

In March, 41 raptors of 8 migrant species were recorded. The **Oriental Honey Buzzard**, with 15 birds, reclaimed the top spot from the **Black Baza** which was represented by 10 birds. Six **Japanese Sparrowhawks** were recorded but there were no records of the Chinese Sparrowhawk. Four **Ospreys** were recorded; apart from the usual locations along the northern shores and the Central Catchment, one individual was recorded at Marina Bay.

Three **Peregrine Falcons** were recorded; none of the resident race. The male **Common Kestrel** wintering at Punggol Barat was still around on the 10th. A rare **Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle**, a juvenile, was photographed at Springleaf on the 31st.

Once again, a **Northern Boobook**, seemingly on its way back north, was photographed at Tuas South on the 8th, resting in a small stand of low trees surrounded by grassland and factories, not the kind of habitat for the resident Brown Hawk Owl.



*Changeable Hawk Eagle pale morph by Howard Yap.*

**Highlights for sedentary species:**

First, notes on four uncommon resident raptors. The **Crested Goshawk** at Kent Ridge Park was recorded on the 18th & 25th, and was probably the same individual. Apart from the nesting area at Little Guilin, the **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** seemed to be more regular at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and the Botanic Gardens recently. The nesting of the **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** at Mount Faber progressed well and the eaglet appeared fully grown by end March. There were only two records of the **Black-winged Kite**, hanging on in the remaining open areas. The common **White-bellied Sea Eagle** and **Brahminy Kite** completed the roundup for the month.

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	4		<b><i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i></b>	
2	Black Baza	10	9	Black-winged Kite	2
3	Oriental Honey Buzzard	15	10	Brahminy Kite	12
4	Japanese Sparrowhawk	6	11	White-bellied Sea Eagle	12
5	Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle	1	12	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	6
6	Common Kestrel	1	13	Crested Goshawk	1
7	Peregrine Falcon	3	14	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	6
8	Northern Boobook	1			
				<b><i>Unidentified</i></b>	
			15	Unidentified Raptors	1
			16	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	1
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>82</b>

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