

Singapore Raptor Report

Early Autumn Migration, July-September 2016



*Oriental Honey Buzzard (torquatus tweeddale morph) at Pasir Ris Park, 21 September 2016,
by Tony Chua*

Summary:

The Osprey, Oriental Honey Buzzard, Japanese Sparrowhawk and Peregrine Falcon were recorded during early autumn migration. The number of records for the **Oriental Honey Buzzard** during this period has increased slightly to 21 (compared to 16 for the same period last year). Out of these, only 4 were of the resident *torquatus* form. The remainder 17 were *orientalis* and at least 7 were juveniles - 5 in July and 2 in August. These juveniles were continuing their moult, showing new primaries (up to P5) and missing some primaries (up to P6), whereas in the last 3 months from Apr-Jun, only new P1 & P2 (counting from inside) were seen. These juveniles would have spent the summer in this region.

The first **Japanese Sparrowhawk** arrived on 16 Sep, followed by one on 21 Sep and another on 28 Sep. 4 **Ospreys** were recorded, one at Hindhede Quarry on 19 July and another at Springleaf Nature Park on 1 Aug, the other two were at the usual areas near Sungei Buloh and Yishun Dam. A **Peregrine Falcon** was recorded at Singapore Quarry on 21 Sep, seemingly in an aerial ballet with a Brahminy Kite.

A striking *torquatus* **Oriental Honey-buzzard** (sedentary subspecies) tweeddale morph was photographed at Pasir Ris Park throughout the 3 months and an *ernesti* **Peregrine Falcon** (sedentary subspecies) was photographed at Pulau Punggol Barat on 31 Aug.

For the resident raptors, highlights included the locally rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** on 23 Sep at Bukit Kalang Service Reservoir. A juvenile **Crested Goshawk** was found dead near a window at the Botanic Gardens in early September. The unfortunate bird may have collided with the window and it is probably one of the 4 juveniles that fledged in the gardens in June. Another rescued juvenile was released at the Warren Golf Course. The **Grey-headed Fish Eagles** at Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin) were spending time on and around the nest at end September and may be starting to breed again. An intriguing **Changeable Hawk-eagle** showing a rare mix of dark and pale morph features was photographed at Choa Chu Kang Park on 16 July.



An unusual looking Changeable Hawk-eagle showing a mix of dark and pale morph characteristics, at Choa Chu Kang Park, 16 July 2016, by Lau Jia Sheng

1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
19 Jul	1	Hindhede Quarry	Alan OwYong
23 Jul	1	Yishun Dam, with fish in talons	Zahidi Hamid
1 Aug	1	Springleaf Nature Park	Cindy Yeo
26 Aug	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Timothy Chua
30 Aug	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Leslie Fung
18 Sep	1	Pulau Punggol Barat, 6:45pm	Alfred Ng
20 Sep	1	Yishun Dam, with fish in claws	Geoff Lim

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus (orientalis mainly)* (21)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Jul	1	Jelutong Tower, Central Catchment, worn juvenile pale morph, with new P1-P3 and missing P4 on both wings	Francis Yap
5 Jul	1	Burgundy Drive, juvenile pale morph, with new P1-P4 and missing P5 on both wings	Doreen Ang
10 Jul	1	West Coast Drive	Kristie Yeong
14 Jul	1	Geylang Lorong 28, 2:28pm, mobbed by crow	Kerry Pereira
24 Jul	1	Clementi Woods Park, afternoon	Jaime Tan
25 Jul	1	Mei Ling Street, juvenile pale morph, 5pm	Mrs Wong Kok Wai
26 Jul	1	Mei Ling Street, juvenile pale morph, 9:04am	Mrs Wong Kok Wai
Jul	1	Springleaf Nature Park, juvenile male	Vincent Lao
Jul	1	Pasir Ris Park, <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph	Ananth Ramasamy
6 Aug	1	Bukit Timah Hill top, juvenile pale morph with new P1-P5 and missing P6 on both wings	Keita Sin
12 Aug	1	Clementi Woods Park, juvenile male, morning	Jaime Tan
16 Aug	1	Thomson	Alan Tan, Catalina Tong
19 Aug	1	Pasir Ris Park, <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph	Alvin Seng
30 Aug	1	West Coast Drive	Kristie Yeong
8 Sep	1	Clementi Woods Park, 9am	Jaime Tan
16 Sep	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, adult male dark morph	Francis Yap
18 Sep	1	Clementi Woods Park, pale morph, 11:32am	Jaime Tan
21 Sep	1	Pasir Ris Park, <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph	Alvin Seng
21 Sep	1	Pasir Ris Park, <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph	Tony Chua
22 Sep	1	Clementi Woods Park, pale morph, 10:24am	Jaime Tan
23 Sep	3	Jelutong Tower, Central Catchment, young adults, moving west, morning	Francis Yap
23 Sep	1	Jelutong Tower, Central Catchment	Keita Sin
23 Sep	1	Bishan pond gardens, dark morph, 11am	Hui Lian

3. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
16 Sep	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, adult male, morning	Francis Yap
21 Sep	1	Pulau Ubin, heading southeast, morning	Jacky Soh
28 Sep	1	Marina Barrage	Lee Chuin Ming

4. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (2)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
31 Aug	1	Pulau Punggol Barat, <i>ernesti</i>	Lawrence Cher
21 Sep	1	Singapore Quarry, noon	Ulf Remahl

"...right above us there was an aerial ballet between **1 Brahminy Kite** and **1 Peregrine Falcon**. The Falcon seemed to try to annoy the Kite by flying fast towards in normal flight- not in a dive. The Kite superbly avoided any collision."

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
23 Aug	1	Kranji Marshes, adult	Rosalind Koh
26 Aug	1	Kranji Marshes, adult	Ulf Remahl
3 Sep	1	Seletar Aerospace Park	Kingsley Phang
15 Sep	1	Seletar Aerospace Park, adult, chased by crows, morning	Gerals Chua
18 Sep	1	Seletar Aerospace Park, adult, 5:45pm	Angeline Yeo
18 Sep	1	Kranji Marshes	Lee Chuin Ming

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
10 Jul	1	Gardens by the Bay, morning	Jaime Tan
16 Jul	1	Serangoon Reservoir	Tan Kok Hui
16 Jul	1	Kranji Dam, 10:40am	Kerry Pereira
16 Jul	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 11:05am	Kerry Pereira
24 Jul	1	Marina Barrage	Zhang Licong
24 Jul	1	Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin), 5-7pm	Ulf Remahl
28 Jul	2	Bukit Batok Nature Park, 7pm	Ulf Remahl

5 Aug	1	Botanic Gardens MRT, 9:49am	Kerry Pereira
10 Aug	1	Coney Island, 11:35am	Kerry Pereira
14 Aug	1	West Coast Road, 3:06pm	Jaime Tan
15 Aug	1	Yishun Dam, afternoon	Alvin Seng
17 Aug	1	Punggol Promenade Nature Walk, adult, 11:41am	Kerry Pereira
26 Aug	2	Kranji Marshes, adults	Ulf Remahl
30 Aug	3	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 2 adults, 1 juvenile	Leslie Fung
6 Sep	1	Mandai mudflats, juvenile, 10:46am	Kerry Pereira
12 Sep	1	West Coast Park, 6:34pm	Jaime Tan
18 Sep	1	Kranji Marshes	Lee Chuin Ming
21 Sep	1	Singapore Quarry, noon	Ulf Remahl

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Jul	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park, 10am	Ulf Remahl
3 Jul	1	Punggol MRT, 6:51pm	Sarah Martens
15 Jul	2	Netheravon and Turnhouse Road junction, 7:08pm	Kerry Pereira
16 Jul	1	Serangoon Reservoir	Tan Kok Hui
16 Jul	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 11:05am	Kerry Pereira
16 Jul	1	Punggol Waterway, 11:54am	Kerry Pereira
17 Jul	2	Neo Tiew Lane 2	Danny Lau
19 Jul	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 11:20am	Jaime Tan
24 Jul	2	Marina Barrage	Zhang Licong
25 Jul	1	Lorong Sesuai, juvenile	Doreen Ang, Michael Toh
30 Jul	1	Singapore Quarry, juvenile, morning	Ulf Remahl
31 Jul	2	Singapore Quarry, juveniles, morning	Ulf Remahl
10 Aug	2	Coney Island, adults, 11:32am	Kerry Pereira
14 Aug	1	Sungei Serangoon	Zhang Licong
14 Aug	3	Pulau Punggol Barat	John Chan
15 Aug	2	Yishun Dam, afternoon	Alvin Seng
16 Aug	1	Pulau Punggol Barat, juvenile	Alvin Seng
17 Aug	2	Serangoon Reservoir bridge to Halus, adults, 12:29pm	Kerry Pereira
18 Aug	1	Marina Bay, adult	Ulf Remahl
18 Aug	1	Suntec Mall, 1:50pm	Kerry Pereira
25 Aug	1	SAFRA Punggol, 1:50pm	Kerry Pereira
26 Aug	1	Kranji Reservoir, adult	Ulf Remahl
27 Aug	1	Pulau Ubin, 11:40pm	Kerry Pereira
30 Aug	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Leslie Fung
6 Sep	3	Mandai mudflats, 7:35am	Kerry Pereira
17 Sep	2	Mandai mudflats, at least 1 juvenile, 4:35pm & 4:55pm	Kerry Pereira
18 Sep	3	Clementi Woods Park, evening	Jaime Tan
21 Sep	1	Singapore Quarry, adult, noon	Ulf Remahl



A juvenile White-bellied Sea Eagle, at Pulau Punggol Barat, 16 August 2016, by Alvin Seng

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
16 Jul	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 11:05am	Kerry Pereira
16 Jul	1	Seletar Expressway & Upper Thomson Road junction, 11:40am	Kerry Pereira, Lee Ee Ling
17 Jul	1	Neo Tiew Lane 2	Danny Lau
19 Jul	1	Singapore Quarry, chick fledged	James Tann
23 Jul	1	Singapore Quarry, adult	Howard Yap
24 Jul	1	Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin), adult, 5-7pm	Ulf Remahl
30 Jul	1	Singapore Quarry, building a nest in tall tree towards Hindhede Quarry, morning	Ulf Remahl

1 Aug	1	Botanic Gardens, adult, morning	Jaime Tan
1 Aug	1	Springleaf Nature Park, adult	Cindy Yeo
6 Aug	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park, juvenile, 11:45am	Kerry Pereira
16 Aug	1	Singapore Quarry, adult	Dean Tan
18 Aug	1	Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin), adult	Ulf Remahl
16 Sep	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, morning	Francis Yap
18 Sep	1	Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin), adult, morning	Ulf Remahl
		<i>"adult perched in bush on rock face.....Since late June I have never seen more than just one adult GHFE"</i>	
21 Sep	2	Singapore Quarry, 1 adult & 1 juvenile, noon	Ulf Remahl
		<i>"Slightly after 11:00 an adult GHFE turned up in one of the tall trees near the viewing bridge. Soon afterwards it made a steep dive. It caught a Three-spot Goramy..."</i>	
29 Sep	2	Bukit Batok Town Park (Little Guilin), adults, morning	Ulf Remahl
		<i>"The two adult eagles spent all the time around the nest around or on the nest. Suspect GHFE is nesting or they are just about to ... On arrival there was one GHFE adult perched on a branch near the nest in the Albizia tree..... With the scope I could ... spot another eagle laying low in the nest This is the first time since late June I have had two adult GHFE there..."</i>	

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
23 Sep	1	Bukit Kalang Service Reservoir, photographed in flight	Keita Sin

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3 Jul	1	Botanic Gardens, juvenile near nest	Joseph Tan Kok Beng
9 Jul	1	Warren Golf Course, juvenile	Lioe Kim Swee
9 Jul	1	Lower Pierce Reservoir, adult	Gerals Chua
23 Jul	2	Botanic Gardens, juveniles	Laurence Eu
18 Aug	1	Science Park II, Kent Ridge, afternoon	Francis Yap
early Sep	1	Botanic Gardens, juvenile found dead at Botany Centre level 3 near window, probably crashed into the window	Lioe Kim Swee
14 Sep	1	Gardens by the Bay, juvenile	Danny Khoo



A juvenile Crested Goshawk at the Botanic Gardens, 23 July 2016, by Laurence Eu

Changeable Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
16 Jul	1	Kranji Dam car park, pale morph, 10:45am	Kerry Pereira
16 Jul	1	Choa Chu Kang Park, an unusual individual showing both dark and pale morph characteristics	Lau Jia Sheng
<i>"Although I have seen many different Changeable Hawk Eagles, this was my first time seeing what appears to be an intermediate morph. Interesting!"</i>			
20 Jul	1	Jurong Eco Garden, adult pale morph	Ben Choo
24 Jul	1	Kranji Marshes, dark morph with 1 eye	Adrian Silas Tay
26 Jul	1	Upper Pierce, heard only	Reuben
30 Jul	1	Victoria Pond, Istana, dark morph	Zhang Licong
10 Aug	2	Coney Island, at least 1 dark morph, 10:54am	Kerry Pereira
30 Aug	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, dark morph	Leslie Fung
11 Sep	1	MacRitchie Reservoir, juvenile pale morph	Wong Sang Chin
16 Sep	2	MacRitchie Reservoir, 1 juvenile pale morph & 1 adult, morning	Francis Yap
17 Sep	1	Pulau Ubin, adult pale morph	Adrian Silas Tay
18 Sep	1	Singapore Quarry, dark morph	Zhang Licong
18 Sep	1	Kranji Marshes	Lee Chuin Ming

20 Sep	2	MacRitchie Reservoir, both juvenile pale morph	Dawn Birder
21 Sep	2	Singapore Quarry, 1 dark morph, the other heard only, morning	Ulf Remahl
25 Sep	1	Mt Serapong, Sentosa, dark morph, 10:45am	Soh Lay Bee
30 Sep	1	Dempsey Road, dark morph, harassed by hornbills, morning	Laurence Eu

Unidentified Raptors

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
21 Sep	3	Singapore Quarry, very high up in a thermal	Ulf Remahl

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