

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			

1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
24	1	Kranji Marsh	Mark Nelson Valino
25	1	Kranji Marsh	James Tann

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (562) *orientalis* unless indicated otherwise

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	Dempsey, 1 dark morph, 1 pale morph	Laurence Eu
5	1	Sengkang, 12:50pm	Yong Jun Zer
6	2	Bishan Park, 10am	Evelyn Cheong
8	5	Kent Ridge Park	Keita Sin
10	9	Tuas South, very high	Low Choon How
11	1	Central Forest, adult <i>torquatus</i>	Marcel Finlay
14	4	Jelutong Tower, morning	Francis Yap
15	1	Tuas South	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau
16	246	Tuas South, 11am-1pm	Low Choon How
17	1	Jelutong Tower, juvenile pale morph	Marcel Finlay
17	15	Tuas South	Tan Gim Cheong
20	2	Kent Ridge Park, 9:30-11:30am	Keita Sin
20	1	Kent Ridge Park, morning	Francis Yap
20	1	Punggol Waterway, late afternoon	Francis Yap
22	8	Jelutong Tower, 7-9:30am	Keita Sin
22	1	Jelutong Tower, juvenile pale morph	Adrian Silas Tay
22	74	Tuas South, 11am-1pm	Low Choon How
23	49	Tuas South	Low Choon How
24	~50	Tuas South, 3:30-4pm, moving east	Zahidi Hamid
25	1	Kent Ridge Park, 8:30-10am	Zahidi Hamid
26	6	Jelutong Tower, morning	Keita Sin
26	2	Venud Drive, late morning	Keita Sin
27	1	Shunfu Ville, adult male pale morph, 9:10am	Peter Ding
28	5	Jelutong Tower, morning	Keita Sin
29	10	Lorong Halus	Keita Sin
30	4	Sengkang Riverside Park	Jacky Soh
30	5	Tuas South	Low Choon How
31	1	Toa Payoh, 7:25am, moving S/SW	Henrietta Woo
31	2	Kent Ridge Park, 9-11am	Keita Sin
31	11	Tuas South, 11:07am, moving from SW-SE	Zahidi Hamid
31	~40	Tuas South, 11:20am, moving from SW-SE	Zahidi Hamid
31	2	Tuas South, 11:54am, moving from SW-SE	Zahidi Hamid

3. Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22	1	Tuas South, immature male, photographed, 12:32pm	Low Choon How, Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng

4. Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
30	1	Tuas South, juvenile, photographed	Low Choon How

5. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (13)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
--	1	Coney Island, adult female	Chan K C
9	1	Pasir Ris Park, adult female, morning <i>"This bird was chasing small birds around and finally got some for lunch. "</i>	Rey Aguila
12	2	Jelutong Tower, adults, morning	Francis Yap
17	1	Kent Ridge Park, adult female	Zahidi Hamid
18	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, juvenile, 8-10am	Zahidi Hamid
22	1	Jelutong Tower, morning	Keita Sin
22	3	Tuas South, 11am-1pm	Low Choon How
28	2	Jelutong Tower, morning	Keita Sin
31	1	Kent Ridge Park, 9-11am	Keita Sin



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

6. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (38)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
7	1	Jelutong Tower, female	Keita Sin
8	1	Kent Ridge Park, adult female	Keita Sin
8	1	Bidadari, juvenile	Rob Arnold
10	1	Tuas, flying to Johor, with some tattered feathers	Tan Gim Cheong
12	1	Jelutong Tower, morning	Francis Yap
15	1	Jelutong Tower, juvenile, afternoon	Joseph Tan Kok Beng
18	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, juvenile, 8-10am	Zahidi Hamid
20	3	Kent Ridge Park, 9:30-11:30am	Keita Sin
21	1	Jelutong Tower, female, morning	Francis Yap
21	6	Kent Ridge Park, 9:30-11:30am	Keita Sin
22	6	Tuas South, 11am-1pm	Low Choon How
23	3	Tuas South	Low Choon How
24	1	Bukit Regency condo, fresh carcass of juvenile	David Tan
25	2	Kent Ridge Park, 8:30-10am	Zahidi Hamid
26	1	Jelutong Tower, morning	Keita Sin
27	1	Tampines Eco Green	Jan Tan
28	1	Jelutong Tower, morning	Keita Sin
29	3	Lorong Halus	Keita Sin
30	1	Tuas South	Low Choon How
31	1	Tuas South, 10:38am	Zahidi Hamid
31	1	South Buona Vista Road, adult female	Francis Yap
31	3	Kent Ridge Park, 9-11am	Keita Sin



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

7. Booted Eagle *Hieraeetus pennatus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
23	1	Tuas, dark morph	See Toh Yew Wai

8. Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22	1	Tuas, pale morph, 11:30am	Adrian Silas Tay, Low Choon How, Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng

9. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
29	1	Lorong Halus	Keita Sin

Resident raptors

10. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (2)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Punggol Barat	Alfred Ng
11	1	Seletar Aerospace Park	Harry Geno-Oehlers
11	1	Punggol Barat	Zahidi Hamid

11. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6	2	West Coast Park	Jaime Tan
9	1	West Coast Park	Jaime Tan
12	1	10-mile junction vicinity, morning	Ulf Remahl
14	2	West Coast Park, 1 adult, 1 juvenile	Jaime Tan

12. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (6)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
9	1	Sungei Serangoon, 2:59pm	Kerry Pereira
11	1	Seletar, adult	Dean Tan
15	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, juvenile	Mus Hanafiah
18	2	Singapore Quarry, juveniles, morning	Ulf Remahl
30	1	West Coast Park, juvenile	Jaime Tan

13. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (2)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
29	2	Lorong Halus, 1 adult, 1 juvenile	Keita Sin

14. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* (2)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
--	1	NUS Kent Ridge	Ovaltine Bing
10	1	Kent Ridge Road	Gavan Leong
14	1	Kent Ridge Road	Gavan Leong
20	1	Kent Ridge Road	Gavan Leong
30	1	Sengkang Riverside Park	Jacky Soh

15. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Tagore/Lentor forest, adult	M Saniroz AR
16	1	Botanical Gardens, adult	Betty Shaw
18	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, adult, 8-10am	Zahidi Hamid
20	2	Kent Ridge Park, morning	Francis Yap
25	1	Kent Ridge Park, 8:30-10am	Zahidi Hamid
28	1	Kent Ridge Park, adult	Yap Euhian



Crested Goshawk, adult, at Kent Ridge Park, 20 Oct 16, by Francis Yap

16. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* (11)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park, pale morph	Siew Mun
7	1	Bidadari, juvenile pale morph	Ted Lee
8	1	Kent Ridge Park, 5:35pm	Jaime Tan
9	1	Sungei Serangoon, pale morph, 3:51pm	Kerry Pereira
15	1	Jelutong Tower, juvenile pale morph, afternoon	Joseph Tan Kok Beng
18	2	Singapore Quarry, 1 dark morph seen carrying a branch with green leaves to a nest, the other heard only, morning. Informed by a photographer that a pair (both dark morph) were seen mating during the preceding week.	Ulf Remahl
23	1	Bukit Brown, adult pale morph, afternoon	Diana Jackson
26	1	Fairway Drive, dark morph, afternoon	Alan Owyong
26	1	Kranji Marsh, dark morph	Ted Lee
26	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park, adult pale morph	GaoJian LiuJia

17. Unidentified *Accipiters* (20)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
14	2	Jelutong Tower, morning	Francis Yap
14	1	Jelutong Tower, morning	Francis Yap
15	1	Tuas South	Tan Kok Hui, Danny Lau
22	15	Tuas South, 11am-1pm	Low Choon How
29	1	Tuas	Low Choon How

18. Unidentified Raptors (117)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
20	3	Kent Ridge Park, in a flock, 9:30-11:30am	Keita Sin
28	4	Jelutong Tower, flying, west together, morning	Keita Sin
29	50	Fernvale, near Sungei Punggol, a flock	Ling Ying
30	60	Sengkang Riverside Park, a flock	Jacky Soh

Compiled by Tan Gim Cheong

Note: The numbers in brackets beside the bird names indicates the total number seen for this month. Different reports of the same raptors from the same area have been discounted to prevent duplication.

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