

Singapore Raptor Report

Late Spring Migration, April-June 2017



*Japanese Sparrowhawk, male, at Pasir Ris Park,
25 June 2017, a new and amazingly late date for the species, by Kozi Ichiyama.*

Summary:

Four migrant raptor species were recorded in the April to June period. They were the Osprey, Oriental Honey-buzzard, Japanese Sparrowhawk and Peregrine Falcon, all of which were also recorded during last year's late spring migration.

The most amazing record must have been the **Japanese Sparrowhawk** photographed on 25th June at Pasir Ris Park by Kozi Ichiyama. This is a full month beyond the extreme date (25 May) in An Annotated Checklist of the Birds of Singapore and well beyond that in The Avifauna of Singapore (1 May). Elsewhere, singles of the Japanese Sparrowhawk were recorded at Bukit Timah and Kranji up to mid April, followed by 2 birds - a male and a female - flying north at Punggol Barat on 16th April.

Of the 18 **Oriental Honey Buzzards** recorded, 1 was of the *torquatus* race and at least 12 were of the *orientalis* race. Of the *orientalis* race, 10 were juveniles or second calendar year birds - 4 of these young birds were recorded in April, 2 in May and 4 in June. There were also 2 adult *orientalis* in April. On 25 April, a young OHB was chased away from the tree where it had perched by a resident Grey-headed Fish Eagle. A single *torquatus* was recorded from April to June at the Bishan-Ang Mo Kio area.

A single **Osprey** was recorded at the Kranji-Sungei Buloh area from April to June, and another at Seletar in May. Two **Peregrine Falcons** were recorded, one at Church Street (migratory race) in April and another at Hindhede in May.

Sedentary Raptors

A **Crested Serpent Eagle** on 2nd April at Pulau Ubin was the only record of this rare raptor during this 3-month period. For the **Grey-headed Fish Eagle**, there were 3 at the Kranji-Sungei Buloh area, 2 at the Botanic Gardens, 2 at the Ubin-Changi area, 1 at Bukit Timah area and 1 at Jurong Lake. Small numbers (up to 3 together) of the **Black-winged Kite** were record at the Kranji-Sungei Buloh area and at the Punggol-Seletar area in all 3 months.

Two nestings of the **White-bellied Sea Eagle** were observed during this period, one at Pasir Ris (2 chicks) and another at West Coast Park (at least 1 chick). Elsewhere, this common raptor was observed in many areas, with up to 6 birds at any one time. For the **Crested Goshawk**, there was another successful nesting, with 2 chicks, at the Singapore Botanic Gardens during this 3-month period. Elsewhere, apart from 3 birds calling at West Coast Park on 1st June, all other records were mostly of single birds.

The common **Brahminy Kite** was recorded in all 3 months and a max of 18 was recorded at Kranji Marsh in April. For the uncommon **Changeable Hawk Eagle**, records were mostly singles, mainly from the Central Forest areas, Kranji-Sungei Buloh and Simpang Kiri-Punggol stretch.

addendum to March Raptor Report

2 adults and 1 juvenile Grey-headed Fish Eagle, which was being fed, at Little Guilin was recorded on 27 March 2017 by Keita Sin.

1. Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Michael Phua
2 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
7 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Siew Mun
13 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
23 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Oliver Tan
26 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Alan OwYong
28 May	1	Picadilly, Seletar	Tay Kian Guan
28 May	1	Seletar	Kristie Yeong
3 Jun	1	Kranji Marsh	Lau Jia Sheng

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
1 Apr	1	Pulau Ubin	Ruth Tan
4 Apr	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, adult male pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Benson Brighton
8 Apr	1	Admiralty Park	Fadzrun A.
9 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
12 Apr	1	Bishan Park, sub-adult <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph 1:43pm	Gopala Krishna Anne
18 Apr	2	Queenstown, one adult male dark morph & one 2nd calendar year pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Cheong Loong Fah
19 Apr	1	Chinese Garden, juvenile dark morph <i>orientalis</i>	Siew Mun
25 Apr	1	Japanese/Chinese Garden, 2nd calendar year pale morph <i>orientalis</i> , chased by an adult Grey-headed Fish Eagle	Tony James
April	1	Satay by the Bay, juvenile pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Jason Kok

25 May	1	Ang Mo Kio Central, sub-adult <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph	KC Ling
27 May	1	Pasir Ris Town Park, pale morph chased by a crow	Seng Alvin
May	1	Tampines Eco Green, 2nd calendar year pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Francis Kayano Chia
May	1	Chinese Garden, 2nd calendar year dark morph <i>orientalis</i>	Dawn Teo

14 Jun	1	Ang Mo Kio Avenue 2, 2nd calendar year female pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Lian Yee Ming
23 Jun	1	Changi Village, 2nd calendar year female pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Ng Shao Hua
25 Jun	1	Lorong Halus	Martin Kennewell
27 Jun	1	Bishan Park, sub-adult <i>torquatus</i> tweeddale morph	Lee Yue Teng
June	1	West Coast Park, appears to be a 2nd calendar year female <i>orientalis</i>	Alok Mishra
June	1	Bishan Park, 2nd calendar year female pale morph <i>orientalis</i>	Lee Yue Teng

3. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	1	Jalan Anak Bukit & Jalan Jurong Kechil junction	Martin Kennewell
6 Apr	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Martin Kennewell
7 Apr	1	Bukit Timah Summit	Lian JJ, Ng Shao Hua, Sandra Chia
8 Apr	1	Kranji Nature Trail	Lau Jia Sheng

9 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
14 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh, adult male	Tan Kok Hui, Con Foley, Danny Lau
16 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
16 Apr	2	Punggol Barat, 1 adult male & 1 adult female together, heading north, morning	Zacc HD
25 Jun	1	Pasir Ris Park, adult male	Kozi Ichiyama

4. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
13 Apr	1	Church Street, migrant	Lee Ee Ling
7 May	1	Hindhede Park	Martin Kennewell

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	3	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
2, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 29 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
14 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Tan Kok Hui, Con Foley, Danny Lau
17 Apr	2	Kranji Marsh	Karthik Thandapani
23 Apr	2	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
29 Apr	1	Punggol Barat, adult	Wang HengMount
6 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Richard Carden, Martin Kennewell
7 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
13 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
13 May	1	Neo Tiew Crescent	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
20 May	3	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
20 May	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Martin Kennewell, Larry Chen, Tanvi DG
26 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Alan OwYong
27 May	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Martin Kennewell
27 May	1	Piccadilly, Seletar	Adrian Silas Tay
27 May	1	Pulau Punggol	Lau Jia Sheng
28 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Fadzrun A.
3 Jun	1	Kranji Marsh	Lau Jia Sheng
11 Jun	1	Punggol Barat, adult with prey - a rat	Sy Ong

Brahminy Kite *Haliastur Indus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
14 Apr	8	Kranji Marsh, morning	Zhang Licong
18 Apr	2	Woodlands Waterfront Park, adult, 11:30am	Lynn Thio
25 Apr	1	Japanese/Chinese Garden	Tony James
1 - 29 April	1 - 18	Admiralty Park, Bishan Park, Central Catchment, Gardens by the Bay, Hindhede Park, Jurong Eco Garden, Kranji Marsh, Kranji Nature Trail, Neo Tiew Road, Pang Sua Park Connector, Pulau Ubin, Sembawang Wharves, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Sports Hub, Singapore Straits	Various observers. Summary from ebird . Between 1 to 18 birds for each sighting. Max of 18 birds was at Kranji Marsh.
1 May	2	Coney Island, 11:20am	Kerry Pereira
31 May	2	Punggol Waterway Park, 4:59pm	Kerry Pereira
6 - 31 May	1 - 13	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Changi Beach Park, Chinese Garden, Dairy Farm Nature Park, Gardens by the Bay, Ghim Moh Link, Hindhede Park, Kranji Marsh, MacRitchie Reservoir, Marina East, Pasir Ris Park, Pulau Ubin, Sengkang East, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Sports Hub, Singapore Straits, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Tampines Eco Green, Woking Road	Various observers. Summary from ebird . Between 1 to 13 birds for each sighting. Max of 13 birds was at Kranji Marsh.
3 Jun	5	Kranji Marsh	Lau Jia Sheng
4 Jun	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Francis Yap
11 Jun	1	Pulau Ubin lotus pond, 9:22am	Kerry Pereira
16 Jun	1	Coney Island, 10:36am	Sarah Martens
19 Jun	2	Punggol SAFRA, 4:23pm	Kerry Pereira

White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, adult	Michael Phua
7 Apr	1	Coney Island, 8:20am	Sarah Martens
9 Apr	1	West Coast Park, carrying a twig, morning	Jaime Tan
13 Apr	1	Central Expressway near Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, 3pm, <i>"it was holding a huge snake in its talons!! Note - we see this eagle quite frequently as we are driving on the CTE, usually around AMK Ave 1 exit. It looks like a white-bellied sea eagle but I could be wrong. "</i>	Geraldine Low
14 Apr	2	Waterway Woodcress, Punggol, 12:58pm	Kerry Pereira
18 Apr	2	Woodlands Waterfront Park, adult, 11:30am	Lynn Thio
21 Apr	2	Pulau Ubin jetty, 11:40am	Kerry Pereira

23 Apr	2	Mandai mudflats, 5:45pm	Kerry Pereira
30 Apr	1	Pulau Ubin jetty, 9:18am	Kerry Pereira
30 Apr	1	Pulau Ubin lotus pond, juvenile, 11:27am	Kerry Pereira
1 - 29 April	1-3	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Dairy Farm Nature Park, Gardens by the Bay, Hindhede Park, Kranji Marsh, Lakeview Estate, Lower Pierce Reservoir, MacRitchie Reservoir, Pulau Ubin, Singapore Sports Hub, Singapore Straits, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Zoo	Various observers. Summary from ebird . Between 1 to 3 birds for each sighting.

1 May	2	Whisk & Paddle @ Sungei Serangoon, 12:17pm	Kerry Pereira
9 May	1	Pasir Ris, chick on nest almost ready to fledge	Harry Geno-Oehlers
18 May	1	Kaladoor LRT station, 7:46am	Sarah Martens
20 May	1	Pasir Ris Drive 12 and Tamines Expressway junction, 4:35pm	Kerry Pereira
23 May	1	Punggol SAFRA, 5:43pm	Sarah Martens
25 May	1	Clementi, adult	Kristie Yeong
4 - 31 May	1-6	Bishan Park, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Central Catchment, Changi Beach Park, Chinese Garden, Choa Chu Kang Park, Dairy Farm Nature Park, Gardens by the Bay, Ghim Moh Link, Hindhede Park, Kranji Marsh, Labrador Nature Reserve, Lorong Halus Wetland, MacRitchie Reservoir, Marina East, Pasir Ris Park, Pulau Ubin, Seletar Dam, Sengkang East, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Singapore Sports Hub, Singapore Straits, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Waterplace, West Coast Park	Various observers. Summary from ebird . Between 1 to 6 birds for each sighting.

4 Jun	2	West Coast Park, 1 adult and 1 fledgling perching outside nest	Jason Kok
5 Jun	1	Punggol Promenade beside Sungei Serangoon, 6:45pm	Sarah Martens
6 Jun	1	Raffles Country Club, 10:04am	Kerry Pereira
7 Jun	1	Sungei Serangoon, next to Whisk & Paddle, 4:53pm	Kerry Pereira
9 Jun	1	Punggol jetty carpark, juvenile	Rosalind Koh
11 Jun	1	Pulau Ubin lotus pond, 9:55am	Kerry Pereira
13 Jun	1	Fort Canning Park, juvenile	Siew Mun
15 Jun	1	Bukit Batok, adult	Steven Chong
16 Jun	1	Pasir Ris Park, juvenile in flight chased by a crow	Elvin Tan
17 Jun	2	Sungei Serangoon, Sunrise Bridge, 10:20am	Sarah Martens
19 Jun	2	Punggol SAFRA, 4:23pm	Kerry Pereira

Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
8 Apr	3	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
15 Apr	2	Singapore Botanic Gardens	Richard White
19 Apr	3	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
23 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
25 Apr	1	Japanese/Chinese Garden, adult, chased away an OHB	Tony James
29 Apr	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens	Bruce Wedderburn
3 May	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens, adult	Art Toh
13 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
14 May	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens	Marcel Finlay
20 May	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park	Koji Ichiyama, Thio Hui Bing
20 May	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Martin Kennewell
25 May	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Thio Hui Bing
27 May	2	Pulau Ubin	Frank Antram
27 May	1	Hindhede Park	Tu Han
27 May	2	Changi Point Coastal Walk	Frank Antram
3 Jun	1	Kranji Marsh	Lau Jia Sheng
6 Jun	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens, adult	Kristie Yeong
25 Jun	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens, adult	KC Ling

Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2 Apr	1	Ketam, Pulau Ubin	Adrian Silas Tay

Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
15 Apr	2	Singapore Botanic Gardens	Richard White
15 Apr	1	Bukit Timah Expressway	Fadzrun A.
16 Apr	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens	Abhiram Sankar
22 Apr	1	Lower Pierce Reservoir	Marcel Finlay
28 Apr	2	Singapore Botanic Gardens, a pair, the female was sitting on the nest, the male brought a prey item to a nearby tree and the female flew over to feed, late afternoon	Tan Gim Cheong
30 Apr	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens, juvenile in flight	Laurence Eu
17 May	1	National Biodiversity Centre, Singapore Botanic Gardens, adult male feeding on what appeared to be a Lesser Dog-faced Fruit Bat, 4:30pm	Elliot Ong
20 May	1	Chinese Gardens	Sylvain Megy
20 May	1	Astrid Meadows	Larry Chen, Tanvi DG
20 May	1	Singapore Botanic Gardens	Oliver Tan

21 May	2	Singapore Botanic Gardens, a nesting pair, the male was holding a Changeable Lizard, chicks heard calling	Laurence Eu
23 May	1	Kent Ridge Park	Tay Kian Guan
30 May	2	Singapore Botanic Gardens, 1 chick - neck and head covered with white down - seen at nest with adult female	Laurence Eu
31 May	1	Sembawang Wharves	Eyzat Amer
1 Jun	3	West Coast Park, 3 birds calling from the trees	Kristie Yeong
3 Jun	3	Singapore Botanic Gardens, adult male brought a Common Treeshrew to the nest with 2 chicks, female not seen	Laurence Eu
9 Jun	1	Sembawang Park, juvenile	Martin Kennewell
10 Jun	3	Singapore Botanic Gardens, adult female seen and 2 chicks on nest	Laurence Eu
10 Jun	1	Sentosa, adult	Adrian Silas Tay

Changeable Hawk-eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1 Apr	1	Neo Tiew Road near to junction with Lim Chu Kang Road	Martin Kennewell
1 Apr	1	SG Botanic Gardens	Bruce Wedderburn
1 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
1 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	
5 Apr	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Martin Kennewell
6 Apr	1	MacRitchie Reservoir Park	Marcel Finlay
7 Apr	1	MacRitchie Reservoir Park	Marcel Finlay
7 Apr	1	Bukit Timah Summit	Sandra Chia, JJ Lian, Ng Shao Hua
7 Apr	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Martin Kennewell
8 Apr	1	SG Botanic Gardens--Rainforest	Berno Ram
8 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
9 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
10 Apr	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Martin Kennewell
14 Apr	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Martin Kennewell
14 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh, dark morph	Mark Chia
15 Apr	1	Lower Peirce Reservoir Park	Martin Kennewell
15 Apr	1	SG Botanic Gardens	Martin Kennewell
15 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
19 Apr	2	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
19 Apr	1	Wallace Education Centre, pale morph, 10:52am	Steven Chong
23 Apr	2	SG Botanic Gardens	Marcel Finlay
23 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell
28 Apr	1	SG Botanic Gardens	Bruce Wedderburn
29 Apr	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell

1 May	1	Seletar Aerospace Crescent, pale morph, 11:18am	Zacc HD
3 May	1	MacRitchie Reservoir Park	Marcel Finlay
12 May	1	MacRitchie Reservoir Park	Marcel Finlay
13 May	1	Lorong Halus Wetland	Lay Chong Teo
13 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Martin Kennewell, Fadzrun A.
19 May	1	SG Botanic Gardens	Hui Bing Thio
19 May	1	Lower Peirce Reservoir Park	Marcel Finlay
20 May	1	Cashew DT2	Martin Kennewell
20 May	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Alan Owyong
21 May	1	Kranji Marsh	Koji ICHIYAMA
21 May	1	Bukit Brown Cemetery	Marcel Finlay
22 May	1	Central Catchment Nature Reserve	Larry Chen
25 May	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park	Kian Guan Tay
25 May	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Marcel Finlay
25 May	1	Choa Chu Kang Park	Fadzrun A.
25 May	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Marcel Finlay
27 May	1	Pulau Punggol	Lau Jia Sheng
27 May	1	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Vincent Lao
27 May	1	Lorong Halus, dark morph	Adrian Silas Tay
27 May	1	Lorong Halus Wetland	Adrian Silas Tay
28 May	1	Jurong Eco Garden	Choon How Low
31 May	1	Hindhede Park	Fadzrun A.
31 May	2	Simpang Kiri Park Connector	Martin Kennewell
31 May	1	Jurong Eco Garden, mid-day	Steven Chong
4 Jun	2	Dairy Farm Nature Park	Francis Yap
8 Jun	1	Jurong Eco Garden, adult pale morph	Kristie Yeong

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