

## Singapore Raptor Report February 2023



*Oriental Honey Buzzard, juvenile (yellow cere & brown eyes), at Pasir Ris Park, Feb 2023,  
by Wong Sangmen*

### Summary for migrant species:

Eight migrant raptor species were recorded in February 2023, same as the previous month. The two **Jerdon's Bazas** *Aviceda jerdoni* recorded at Lorong Halus Wetlands on 12 Feb, and one at Punggol on 16 Feb were probably wintering birds venturing from Coney Island. For the **Chinese Sparrowhawk** *Accipiter soloensis*, there were only two records: the site-faithful female at Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West on 24 Feb, and an individual at Marina East on 26 Feb.

There were two records of the **Oriental Scops Owl** *Otus sunia*: one at Windsor Nature Park on 4 Feb found injured and rescued; and one at Mandai Track 15 on 26 Feb. There were also four **Ospreys** *Pandion haliaetus*; seven **Japanese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter gularis*; seven **Peregrine Falcons** *Falco peregrinus*; 20 **Black Bazas** *Aviceda leuphotes*; and 62 **Oriental Honey Buzzards** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*.



*Grey-headed Fish Eagle (upperwing) at Singapore Quarry, Feb 2023, by Andy Chew*

#### **Highlights for sedentary species:**

Breeding-related activities were noted for four species. The pair of adult male and sub-adult female **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* at Singapore Quarry, which mated on 30 Jan 2023, was seen mating again on 6 Feb and 11 Feb. At Pasir Ris Park, the **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* pair, which mated on 9 Jan 2023, mated again on 18 Feb and 26 Feb, and added sticks to their nest on or around 25 Feb. At Toa Payoh on 23 Feb, a family of goshawks with one fledgling was seen.

For the **White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*, an adult was on the nest at Yishun on 23 Feb. And at Bukit Batok Nature Park, a **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus* was on its nest on 18 Feb.

There were two records of the **Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela*: one at Pulau Tekong on 2 Feb, and one at Jalan Gemala 2 on 25 Feb. The other resident raptors recorded were the **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* and **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur Indus*.

For nocturnal resident raptors, the **Spotted Wood Owl** *Strix seloputo* family of three was still at Pasir Ris Park on 28 Feb, while the family of three **Buffy Fish Owl** *Ketupa ketupu* was also still at Hampstead Wetlands on 8 Feb.



*Grey-headed Fish Eagle (underwing) at Singapore Quarry, 7 Feb 2023, by Angie Cheong*

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Osprey	4		<b><i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i></b>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	2	9	Black-winged Kite	2
3	Black Baza	20	10	Brahminy Kite	C*
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	62	11	White-bellied Sea Eagle	C*
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	2	12	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	14
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	7	13	Crested Serpent Eagle	2
7	Peregrine Falcon	7	14	Crested Goshawk	17
8	Oriental Scops Owl	2	15	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	15
				<b><i>Nocturnal raptor</i></b>	
			16	Spotted Wood Owl	3
			17	Buffy Fish Owl	3
<b>Total for Migrants</b>		<b>106</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>162</b>

\* C = Common

**1. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (4)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Chek Jawa, Ubin	Chien N Lee
17	1	SBWR	Glenda Khoo
23	1	673B Choa Chu Kang Crescent	Sze Kai Sim
26	1	CCNR	Chien N Lee

**2. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (2)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
12	2	Halus	Wai Heng Lua
16	1	Punggol Promenade	Satheesh M. B.

**3. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (20)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	3	Ulu Pandan	Ryan Lim
5	1	LCK L3	Lim Kim Chuah
5	2	KRP	Yuh Woei Chong
12	8	SBG	Chien N Lee
19	3	CBP	Ng Mac
19	1	Halus	Glenda Khoo
24	1	Admiralty Park	Wee Ki Yi
26	1	Holland Plain	Lynn Tan

**4. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (62) *orientalis* unless indicated otherwise**

PM= pale morph

DM = dark morph

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Pinevale Condo	Ryan Chen
3	1	Lakeside Drive, female PM	Nick
2	1	SBG, juvenile PM	Siew Mun
3	2	Sembawang, female PM & juvenile female PM	Keith Hutton
3	1	Ulu Pandan	Ryan Lim
4	1	PRP, juvenile	Evelyn Lee
5	2	SBWR	Tan Kok Hui
5	1	Dover Ville, male	Chng Eng Keong
5	1	KRP	Yuh Woei Chong
5	2	Pasir Ris Farmway 1	Frank Chen
7	1	SBTB	Siew Mun
7	1	608A Woodlands Ring Road, female	Han YK
11	8	Halus	Roger Niessen
11	3	BAMK Park	Brad R.
11	1	MED	Tan Kok Hui
12	1	Ulu Pandan, DM	Siew Mun
12	1	WNP	Lim Qian Xun
14	1	Kallang Riverside Park	Tomas Haraldsson
17	1	Sengkang Riverside Park	Ong Jun Ze

18	1	GBTB, juvenile PM	Dewei Ngiam
18	1	Stadium Boulevard	Yip Jen Wei
18	2	SBG	YC Sim
18	12	HW	Jeff Tan
19	1	CCNR	Yuh Woei Chong
21	1	HWL	Graeme Hinde
22	2	GBTB	Graeme Hinde
22	2	JLG, juvenile PM and sub-adult female	Andy Lee
23	1	JLG, juvenile PM	Siew Mun
23	1	Hillview Regency, Bukit Batok East Ave 5	Kerry Pereira
24	1	Telok Kurau	Chien N Lee
26	1	Sungei Bedok	Lim Kim Keang
26	2	CBP	Ng Mac
26	1	NTU	Frank Chen
26	1	328 Clementi Central	Yong Ding Li
26	1	Holland Plain	Jayden Kang
27	1	DFNP	Ross Glover

### 5. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (2)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
24	1	AMKTGW, female	Norhafiani A Majid
26	1	MED	Ian Lee

### 6. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (7)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Dover Road	Joshua Chong
5	1	LCK L3	Ramesh T.
9	1	Gillman Barracks	Ruchir Srivastava
11	1	LCK L3, juvenile	Art Toh
18	1	HW	Jeff Tan
20	1	SBG, sub-adult female	Art Toh
25	1	SBG	YK Han
26	1	CCNR, female	Chien N Lee

### 7. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (7) migrants unless otherwise stated

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Admiralty Park	Ng Yan Ze
11	1	MED	Tan Kok Hui
14	2	MED, adult & juvenile	Angie Cheong
19	1	KM	Russell Boyman
19	1	Coney Island	Ruchir Srivastava
20	1	GBTB	Graeme Hinde
21	1	Bedok South, adult	Herman Phua
23	1	673B Choa Chu Kang Crescent, adult	Sze Kai Sim
28	1	GBTB, adult	SB Lim

**8. Oriental Scops Owl *Otus sunia* (2)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4	1	WNP, injured and rescued	Lim Qian Xun
26	1	Mandai T15	Abdel Bizid

**Resident raptors****9. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (2)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
15	1	MED	Norhafiani A Majid
19	1	KM	Russell Boyman

**10. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus***

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	

**11. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster***

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	
19	2	Yishun Ave 8, active nest on a tall tree	WS

**12. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (14)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4	1	Potong Pasir, adult	Andrew Hunt
5	1	Ubin	Bing Cui
6	2	Singapore Quarry, mating observed, adult male and sub-adult female	Kenneth Cheong
7	1	Singapore Quarry, adult	Angie Cheong
7	4	Singapore Quarry, 3 adult, 1 sub-adult	Tan Gim Cheong
8	1	Singapore Quarry, adult	Siew Mun
9	2	DFNP, adult and subadult	Siew Mun
9	1	Admiralty Park	Wee Ki Yi
11	2	Singapore Quarry, mating observed, adult male and sub-adult female	P. T. Lee
12	1	Ulu Pandan, adult	Siew Mun
18	1	JLG	Chan Mei Yee
19	1	KM	Nick
19	2	TNP	Sze Kai Sim
20	2	Punggol Promenade	Satheesh M. B.
19	1	CCNR	Chien N Lee

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

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Pulau Tekong	Lu Kiat
25	1	Jalan Gemala 2, adult	Art Toh

**14. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (17)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Dover Road	Joshua Chong
5	1	SBWR	Tan Kok Hui
5	1	Ubin	Bing Cui
5	2	KRP	Chen Boon Chong
7	1	WCP	Linda Puth
11	3	PRP	Evelyn Lee
14	1	154 Bedok South Road	Tan Gim Cheong
15	1	21 Hillcrest Road	M Tay
18	1	PRP, juvenile eating a junglefowl chick	Andrew Hunt
18	2	PRP CP 'D', mating observed	James Peh
19	1	DFNP	Low Zhi Hao
20	1	Catterick Road	Glenda Khoo
22	1	PRP, juvenile eating a frog	Alvin Seng
~25	1	PRP, in flight carrying branches	Andrew Hunt
23	3	Blk 191 Toa Payoh, a pair with a fledgling	Joe Lim
24	1	Admiralty Park	Wee Ki Yi
26	2	PRP, mating observed	Seow Swee Meng

**15. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* (15)**

PM= pale morph,

DM = dark morph

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Ulu Pandan PCN	Julie Edgley
3	1	SBG	Lim Kim Seng
3	1	KRP	Tan Gim Cheong
8	1	TNP	Veronica Foo
11	2	255 Bukit Batok East Ave 4	Kerry Pereira
14	3	Southern Ridges	Ruchir Srivastava
18	1	BBNP, eagle on nest	Laila Remahl
18	1	SBWR	Tan Kok Hui
18	1	JLG	Chan Mei Yee
24	1	BAMK Park	Wee Ki Yi
25	2	Chinatown	Alex Rossi
Feb	1	MED, DM	Herman Phua
28	1	Holland Plain	Vincent Yip

**16. Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo* (3)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
28	3	PRP, the juvenile apparently still with its parents	Alen Lin

**17. Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupu* (3)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	3	HWL, a pair with their fledgling	Tan Gim Cheong

Abbreviations

AMKTGW – Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West  
 BAMK– Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park  
 CBP – Changi Business Park  
 DFNP – Dairy Farm Nature Park  
 JLG – Jurong Lake Gardens  
 HWL – Hampstead Wetlands  
 KM – Kranji Marsh  
 MED – Marina East Drive  
 PRP – Pasir Ris Park  
 SBG – Singapore Botanic Gardens  
 SBWR – Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve  
 WCP – West Coast Park

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*Note: The numbers in brackets beside the bird names indicates the month's total number. Reports of the same raptors from the same area have been discounted to avoid duplication.*

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