

Singapore Raptor Report March 2019



Japanese Sparrowhawk, adult female, at West Coast Park, on 29 March 2019, by Norvin Ng

Summary for migrant species:

In March, 133 raptors of 9 migrant species were recorded. There were 60 **Oriental Honey Buzzards** *Pernis ptilorhyncus*, including 13 at Yishun on the 17th, flying northwesterly. The 30 **Black Bazas** *Aviceda leuphotes* included a kettle of 12 at Telok Blangah Hill Park on the 24th.

Seventeen **Chinese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter soloensis* were recorded, including six at Sungei Buloh on the 23th, apparently on passage migration to the north. Three **Jerdon's Bazas** *Aviceda jerdoni* were still wintering in Singapore on the 10th: two at Pasir Ris and one at Pulau Ubin.

One **Common Buzzard** *Buteo buteo* was observed at Kent Ridge Park on the 10th, possibly on passage and four **Grey-faced Buzzards** *Butastur indicus*, were also recorded over the Southern Ridges: three on the 8th at Kent Ridge Park and one on the 13th at Telok Blangah Hill Park. These were recorded by Keita Sin, who spent a number of days observing raptors at the Southern Ridges.

Five **Peregrine Falcons** *Falco peregrinus* were recorded: singles at Satay by the Bay, Bukit Merah, Pulau Ubin, Kranji Marshes and Telok Blangah Hill Park. Ten **Japanese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter gularis* and three **Western Ospreys** *Pandion haliaetus* rounded up the migrant raptors for March.



*Adult male Crested Goshawk eating a Changeable Lizard,
Pasir Ris Park, March 2019, by Sheen Taw Lim.*

Highlights for sedentary species:

There were two breeding records in March: two **White-bellied Sea Eagles** at a nest on Pulau Ubin on the 10th, and a nest with two **Brahminy Kite** chicks at Turut Track on the 12th.

Also, there were two **Crested Serpent Eagles**, one at Pulau Ubin on the 10th and another in the area around Malcolm Park on three different dates. The **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** was observed flying with an eel-like prey at Coney Island on the 13th and 19th. The other sedentary raptors recorded included nine **Changeable Hawk-Eagles**, four **Crested Goshawks** and three **Black-winged Kites**.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Western Osprey	3		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	3	10	Black-winged Kite	3
3	Black Baza	30	11	Brahminy Kite	9
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	60	12	White-bellied Sea Eagle	15
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk	17	13	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	5
6	Japanese Sparrowhawk	10	14	Crested Serpent Eagle	2
7	Common Buzzard	1	15	Crested Goshawk	4
8	Grey-faced Buzzard	4	16	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	9
9	Peregrine Falcon	5			
				<i>Unidentified</i>	
			17	Unidentified Raptors	1
			18	Unidentified <i>Accipiters</i>	7
Total for Migrants		133	Grand Total		188

1. Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
16	1	Piccadilly, Seletar	Zacc HD
16	1	Pulau Ubin	Mike Hooper
24	1	Neo Tiew Harvest Link, aerial fight with an adult White-bellied Sea Eagle	Chen Boon Chong

2. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
10	2	Pasir Ris Farmway 3	Vincent Lao
10	1	Pulau Ubin	Thio Hui Bing

3. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (30)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Pasir Ris Park	Wong Sangmen
2	1	Pandan	Steven Wong
2	4	Lorong Halus	Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
3	1	Ulu Pandan Park Connector	Derrick Wong
5	4	Henderson Waves, 10:25am - 12:32pm	Keita Sin
10	1	Pandan Canal	Art Toh
10	4	Lim Chu Kang Lane 3	Keita Sin
10	1	Pasir Ris Park	Goh Zai Fa
13	4	Coney Island, heading north, 9:17am	Kerry Pereira
13	2	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 12:16pm - 2:30pm	Keita Sin
15	2	Changi Business Park	Mike Hooper
17	1	Changi Business Park	Ramesh T.
17	2	Pasir Ris Park	Feroz Ghazali
22	1	Chinese Garden, 3:23pm - 4:24pm	Keita Sin
23	2	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, flew north, 8am - 11:30am	Adrian Silas Tay
24	12	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:37am - 11am	Keita Sin, Gerold Tan
24	12	Telok Blangah Hill Park, single kettle, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay

4. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (60) *orientalis* unless indicated otherwise

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Pasir Ris Park, juvenile	Wong Sangmen
2	1	Pasir Ris Park, juvenile	Jae Gu
3	1	Sentosa, adult male	Felicia Chan
5	1	Malcolm Park, adult male	Steven Wong
5	5	Henderson Waves, 10:25am - 12:32pm	Keita Sin
5	1	Central Catchment Forest, immature pale morph	John Marriott
8	5	Kent Ridge Park, 10:15am - 1:37pm	Keita Sin
8	1	Hort Park, 1:37pm - 1:55pm	Keita Sin
8	4	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 1:55pm - 2:12pm	Keita Sin

10	1	Pasir Ris Park, juvenile pale morph	Zhang Licong
10	1	Pulau Ubin	Thio Hui Bing
10	1	Singapore Quarry, juvenile pale morph	Betty Shaw
11	1	Toa Payoh Town Park, 10:47am	Henrietta Woo
13	1	Coney Island, 9:23am	Kerry Pereira
13	5	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 12:16pm - 2:30pm	Keita Sin
13	1	Baker Street, adult male pale morph	Norman Wu
15	1	Pulau Ubin Sensory Trail, 12:10pm	Kerry Pereira
16	1	Piccadilly, Seletar	Zacc HD
17	13	Yishun Pond, flying northwest, 3pm	Adrian Silas Tay
17	2	Pasir Ris Park	Feroz Ghazali
19	1	Sembawang Wharves	Martin Kennewell
20	1	Pandan canal, juvenile pale morph	Alan OwYong
22	1	Chinese Garden, 3:23pm - 4:24pm	Keita Sin
23	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, flew north, 8am - 11:30am	Adrian Silas Tay
23	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:52am	Zacc HD
23	3	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:58am	Zacc HD
24	4	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:37am - 11am	Keita Sin, Gerold Tan, Adrian Silas Tay
24	6	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay
24	1	Pasir Ris, 6:45pm	Jo Lim
24	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, juvenile, morning	Herman Phua
24	2	Serangoon Reservoir	Tan Kok Hui
24	4	Kranji Marshes	Martin Kennewell
25	1	West Coast Drive	Tay Kian Guan
27	1	Changi Business Park	Mike Hooper
29	1	West Coast Park, juvenile pale morph	Norvin Ng
29	1	Botanic Gardens, adult male, afternoon	Steven Cheong
30	1	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	Danny Lau, Tan Kok Hui

5. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (17)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	1	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve	Collin Banke
8	1	Kent Ridge Park, 10:15am - 1:37pm	Keita Sin
8	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 1:55pm - 2:12pm	Keita Sin
16	1	Piccadilly, Seletar	Zacc HD
19	2	Coney Island, at least 1 female	Evan Landy
22	1	Mandai Lake Road, 9:20am	Henrietta Woo
23	5	Telok Blangah Hill Park, heading northwest, 10:28am	Zacc HD
23	6	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, 5 flew west, 1 flew north, 8am - 11:30am	Adrian Silas Tay
23	6	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, at least 1 adult male & 1 adult female, morning	Francis Yap

6. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (10)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Lorong Halus	Danny Lau, Lau Jia Sheng
4	1	Pandan Canal, adult female, morning	Alan OwYong
5	1	Henderson Waves, 10:25am - 12:32pm	Keita Sin
8	1	Kent Ridge Park, 10:15am - 1:37pm	Keita Sin
9	1	Pulau Ubin	Keita Sin
9	1	Bukit Batok Nature Park	Lau Jia Sheng
12	1	Hort Park	Martin Kennewell
13	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 12:16pm - 2:30pm	Keita Sin
22	1	Mandai Lake Road, 9:20am	Henrietta Woo
23	2	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:36am	Zacc HD
24	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:37am - 11am	Keita Sin, Gerold Tan, Adrian Silas Tay
24	1	Serangoon Reservoir	Tan Kok Hui
29	1	West Coast Park, adult female	Norvin Ng

7. Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	1	Kent Ridge Park, 10:15am - 1:37pm	Keita Sin

8. Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	3	Kent Ridge Park, 10:15am - 1:37pm	Keita Sin
13	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 12:16pm - 2:30pm	Keita Sin

9. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6	1	Satay by the Bay, chasing a parakeet	Jimmy Wong
9	1	Pulau Ubin, juvenile, caught a Black-naped Oriole	Adrian Silas Tay
10	1	Pulau Ubin	Thio Hui Bing
15	1	Pulau Ubin Sensory Trail, 10:45am	Kerry Pereira
23	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:46am	Zacc HD
23	1	Jalan Bukit Merah, adult, aerial fight with an adult White-bellied Sea Eagle	Chen Boon Chong
24	1	Kranji Marsh	Con Foley
29	1	Pulau Ubin	Jocele Capaldo

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10. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	Kranji Marshes	Ramesh T.
16	1	Piccadilly, Seletar	Zacc HD
24	1	Lim Chu Kang Lane 3	Keita Sin
27	1	Neo Tiew Harvest Lane	Steven Cheong

11. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus* (9)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
12	2	Turut Track, nest with 2 chicks	Derrick Wong
13	1	Coney Island	Kerry Pereira
15	1	Pulau Ubin Sensory Trail, 10:45am	Kerry Pereira
15	1	Bedok Camp 2	Kerry Pereira
15	2	Pasir Ris Park	Herman Phua
17	1	Changi Beach Park, caught a Red-breasted Parakeet, 6:30pm	Evan Landy
17	1	Kranji Marshes	Herman Phua
19	1	Botanic Gardens Eco Lake, chased a Crested Serpent Eagle that caught a snake	Khoo Meilin
24	2	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay
25	1	Bedok Camp 2	Kerry Pereira
30	1	Chinese Garden MRT station	Kerry Pereira

12. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (15)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Pasir Ris Park, sub-adult	Wong Sangmen
4	2	SAFRA Punggol	Kerry Pereira
5	1	Sungei Serangoon next to TPE	Kerry Pereira
7	4	SAFRA Punggol, adults flying together without hostility	Kerry Pereira
10	3	Pulau Ubin, 2 birds nesting	Thio Hui Bing
11	1	Toa Payoh Town Park	Henrietta Woo
13	1	Coney Island	Kerry Pereira
15	1	Pulau Ubin jetty, 9:15am	Kerry Pereira
15	1	Pulau Ubin Sensory Trail, 10:45am	Kerry Pereira
24	6	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay
25	1	Bedok Camp 2	Kerry Pereira

13. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
13	1	Coney Island, caught an eel-like prey from the reservoir, 9:43am	Kerry Pereira
16	1	Botanic Gardens, adult	Zhang Licong
19	1	Coney Island, adult, caught an eel-like prey	Evan Landy
19	1	Little Guilin, in bush on cliff face, 9:15am - 1pm	Ulf Remahl
24	2	Little Guilin	Subodh Seshpande
24	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay

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

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5	1	Malcolm Park	Steven Wong
10	1	Pulau Ubin, heard only	Thio HB
19	1	Botanic Gardens Eco Lake, caught a snake, chased by a Brahminy Kite	Khoo Meilin
29	1	Goldhill Avenue, adult, afternoon	Steven Cheong

15. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
6	1	Pasir Ris Park, adult male	Alvin Seng
7	1	West Coast Park	Martin Kennewell
18	1	Pasir Ris Park, sub-adult	Alvin Seng
23	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park	Zacc HD
24	2	Telok Blangah Hill Park	Keita Sin
25	1	Pasir Ris Park, sub-adult	Feroz N Fizah

16. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* (9)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
--	1	Tampines Eco Green, juvenile pale morph	Wang HM
2	1	Pasir Ris Park, juvenile pale morph	Jae Gu
2	1	Kranji Marshes, juvenile pale morph	Zhang Licong
2	1	Lorong Halus, dark morph	Chen Boon Chong
3	1	Mount Faber, pale morph	Lee Chuin Ming
9	1	Windsor Nature Park, dark morph	Zhang Licong
10	1	Singapore Quarry, dark morph	Betty Shaw
15	1	Pulau Ubin Sensory Trail, pale morph, 10:45am	Kerry Pereira
23	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, dark morph, 9:53am	Zacc HD
24	2	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay
26	1	Pasir Ris Park, pale morph	Seng Alvin

17. Unidentified Raptors (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
24	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:37am - 11am	Keita Sin, Gerold Tan, Adrian Silas Tay

18. Unidentified Accipiters (7)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
8	1	Kent Ridge Park, 10:15am - 1:37pm	Keita Sin
28	1	Pasir Ris Park	Khoo Meilin
24	1	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 9:37am - 11am	Keita Sin, Gerold Tan, Adrian Silas Tay
24	4	Telok Blangah Hill Park, 10:10am - 12:15pm	Adrian Silas Tay

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 avoid duplication.

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