

Singapore Raptor Report January 2022



Common Kestrel, Marina East Drive, 12 Jan 2022, by Trevor Teo

Summary for migrant species:

A number of rare raptors were recorded in January 2022. A **Common Kestrel** *Falco tinnunculus* showed up at Marina East on 11 Jan 2022 and was present on-and-off through the rest of the month. Another two were detected at Seletar Aerospace Crescent on 15 Jan 2022. The lone **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* at Neo Tiew area was observed between 22 to 30 Jan 2022 (having been there since 12 Dec 2021). On 28 Jan 2022, a **Rufous-bellied Eagle** *Lophotriorchis kienerii* was photographed at Dairy Farm Nature Park.

On 12 Jan 2022, two **Himalayan Vultures** *Gyps himalayensis* were found heading towards Pasir Ris from Punggol, and one was detected on 13 Dec 2022 at Pasir Ris Park. Five days later, on 18 Jan 2022, a flock of 7-8 were seen near Bayshore Park Condo, and two were recorded at Satay by the Bay. On the morning of 19 Jan 2022, seven of these huge vultures were found roosting on tall trees at Lorong Sesuai. They flew off towards noon time and were not recorded on subsequent days. (there were five of these in December 2021). The lone, weak **Cinereous Vulture** *Aegypius monachus* taken in for veterinary care in December 2021 was released successfully on 10 Jan 2022.



Grey-faced Buzzard, Telok Blangah Hill Park, 31 Jan 2022, by Julie Edgley

Three uncommon species of raptors were recorded in January 2022. These included the juvenile **Grey-faced Buzzard** *Butastur indicus* wintering at Telok Blangah Hill Park; four **Jerdon's Baza** *Aviceda jerdoni* at Coney Island (15 Jan 2022) and one at Tampines Eco Green (3 – 27 Jan 2022); single **Chinese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter soloensis* at Skyville at Dawson on 9 Jan 2022, NTU on 10 Jan 2022, the site faithful adult female at Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West on 15 Jan 2022, and another at Lorong Halus Wetlands on 15 and 30 Jan 2022.



Black Kite, Neo Tiew Road, 30 Jan 2022, by Chen Boon Chong

Seventeen **Japanese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter gularis*, 45 **Black Bazas** *Aviceda leuphotes* and 67 migrant **Oriental Honey Buzzards** *Pernis ptilorhyncus* were recorded at various locations. Three **Western Ospreys** *Pandion haliaetus*, and nine migrant **Peregrine Falcons** *Falco peregrinus* were also recorded.

Highlights for sedentary species:

Breeding-related activities were noted for four resident species. A pair of **Black-winged Kites** *Elanus caeruleus*, was nesting at Turut Track. For the **White-bellied Sea Eagle** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*, the pair comprising an adult female and an immature male was in a mating position at Pasir Ris Park on 3 Jan 2022 (they were in a similar position on 25 Dec 2021). At Pasir Ris Park, the two chicks of the **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus* fledged on 4 Jan 2022, and the pair at Pepys Road nested again. One juvenile **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* fledged from its nest at Little Guilin in mid January and the nesting started in October 2021, with the chick first seen in early December 2021.

The rare **Crested Serpent Eagle** *Spilornis cheela* was recorded at Kranji Marsh only, on 23 and 30 Jan 2022. An adult *ernesti* **Peregrine Falcon** was photographed at the ‘supertrees’ at Gardens by the Bay on 9 Jan 2022. A male *torquatus* **Oriental Honey Buzzard** was recorded at Sentosa on 30 Jan 2022. The other diurnal resident raptors recorded included the **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur Indus*, and **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus*.



Eastern Barn Owl, Tampines Street 83, 18 Jan 2022, by Angie Cheong

For the nocturnal raptors, an **Eastern Barn Owl** *Tyto javanica* was recorded at Tampines Street 83 on 18 Jan 2022; the **Spotted Wood Owl** *Strix seloputo* pair at Pasir Ris were nesting again and two chicks were noted on 29 Jan 2022; and for the **Buffy Fish Owl** *Ketupa ketupu* a family with one recently fledged juvenile was observed at Jurong Lake Gardens south promenade on 5 Jan 2022, while another juvenile was recorded at NTU on 25 Jan 2022.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Western Osprey	3		Residents / Sedentary Species	
2	Jerdon's Baza	5	14	Black-winged Kite	9
3	Black Baza	45	15	Brahminy Kite	C*
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	68	16	White-bellied Sea Eagle	C*
5	Himalayan Vulture	7	17	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	9
6	Cinereous Vulture	1	18	Crested Serpent Eagle	1
7	Black Kite	1	19	Crested Goshawk	13
8	Chinese Sparrowhawk	4	20	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	15
9	Japanese Sparrowhawk	17			
10	Grey-faced Buzzard	1		Nocturnal raptor	
11	Rufous-bellied Eagle	1	21	Eastern Barn Owl	5
12	Common Kestrel	3	22	Buffy Fish Owl	3
13	Peregrine Falcon	10	23	Spotted Wood Owl	4
Total for Migrants		166	Grand Total		225

* C = Common

1. Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
12	1	Bidadari	C K Wong
15	1	Seletar Aerospace Drive	Norhafiani A Majid
16	1	Turut Track	Ajay Kadambi
22	1	Turut Track	Chen Boon Chong
27	1	Upper Peirce Reservoir, 12:45pm	Veronica Foo
30	1	Pulau Ubin	Yasuko Chow

2. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	1	TEG	Xiaokai Hu
4	1	Coney Island	Chien N Lee
9	1	TEG	Alvin Seng
15	4	Coney Island	Ender Tey
15	1	TEG	Alvin Seng
27	1	TEG	Alvin Seng

3. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (45)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	9	Changi Point Boardwalk	Brenda Chua
7	9	Lorong Halus Wetlands	Tan Gim Cheong
9	2	SBG	Joshua Chong
9	1	TBHP	John Marriott
13	2	PRP	Vish M
16	9	Punggol Waterway	Lim Yu Jun
20	1	NTU	Vincent Yip
26	4	TEG	Oliver Tan
27	2	NTU	John Chin
27	1	TEG	Alvin Seng
29	3	Springleaf Nature Park	Ng Wei Khim
29	14	Bollywood Veggies, Neo Tiew Road	Lim Kim Seng
30	1	Bollywood Veggies, Neo Tiew Road	Chen Boon Chong
30	15	KM	Kaeden Sim

4. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (67+1) *orientalis* unless indicated otherwise

PM = pale morph,

DM = dark morph

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	2	Jalan Batu, female PM, juvenile PM	Art Toh
1	8	Punggol Waterway	Lim Yu Jun
1	2	East Coast Park	John Marriott
1	1	Tuas South	Wai Heng Lua
3	2	West Coast Park, male PM, male DM	Sc Tan
3	1	Pang Sua PCN, male PM	Wong Soong Ming

4	1	Pasir Ris Street 21, female PM	Feroz SG
6	1	Jurong West, female PM	Philip Toh
6	few	JLG, at least 1 juvenile PM	Feroz SG
7	1	Ghim Moh PCN, juvenile PM	Art Toh
7	3	Holland Village car park, at least 2 male PM	Art Toh
9	3	TBHP	John Marriott
9	2	Ghim Moh Road, juvenile PM, juvenile DM, harassed by crows	Philip Ng
6	1	Punggol Park, female pale morph	Tan Gim Cheong
10	1	JLG	Brenda Chua
10	2	CCNR	Oliver Tan
10	2	Ulu Pandan	Julie Edgley
12	4	JLG	Siew Mun
12	1	JLG sub-adult male PM	Angie Cheong
12	2	Bidadari	C K Wong
13	1	TBHP, male PM	Siew Mun
15	4	MED	Feroz Ghazali
15	2	TEG	Alvin Seng
16	4	JLG, at least 1 PM, 1 DM	Philip Ng
16	2	PRP	Farrah Adnan
16	1	Mountbatten, adult female PM	YK Han
16	3	SBG	Clarice Yan
18	1	Tampines St 83, female PM	Angie Cheong
18	2	CBP canal	Lim Kim Keang
19	2	Little Guilin	Kerry Pereira
20	1	Jurong West, immature PM	Philip Toh
20	1	HWL, juvenile PM	Philip Chua
21	1	Jurong West, 1 DM, 1 PM	Philip Toh
22	2	Siglap, 1 female DM, 1 juvenile PM	SB Lim
22	2	Pulau Ubin	Lim Kim Chuah
22	3	Coney Island	Edmund Teo
22	1	GBTB	Siew Mun
23	1	Pasir Ris Town Park, male pale morph	Philip Chua
23	3	Singapore Quarry	Vish M
25	1	Siglap, juvenile pale morph	SB Lim
26	1	ECP, female dark morph	SB Lim
27	1	JLG, juvenile	Brenda Chua
28	5	NTU	Yip Jen Wei
30	1	Sentosa, RWS, male <i>torquatus</i>	Shashank Mohan
30	1	AMKTGW, female	Siew Mun
30	3	JLG	Lim Kim Chuah
30	3	Neo Tiew Lane 1	Marcel Finlay
31	2	Jelapang Road	Joelle Kong
31	1	Bukit Batok Central, 1:29pm	Kerry Pereira
31	4	SBTB	Jared Tan

5. Himalayan Vulture *Gyps himalayensis* (7)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
12	2	Punggol heading to Pasir Ris, 6:37pm	J K Tan Daryl
13	1	Pasir Ris Park	Herman Phua
18	2	SBTB, 4:55pm	Siew Mun
18	7-8	ECP near Bayshore Park Condo	Rachit
19	7	Lorong Sesuai	Alan OwYong, Lim Kim Chuah

6. Black Vulture *Aegypius monachus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
10	1	Successfully released on the 3rd attempt	The Straits Times

7. Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
22	1	Bollywood Veggies, Neo Tiew Road, juvenile	Wai Heng Lua
27	1	Bollywood Veggies, Neo Tiew Road, juvenile	Vincent Yip, Lee Chin Pong
28	1	Bollywood Veggies, Neo Tiew Road, juvenile	Wong Sy Ming
30	1	Bollywood Veggies, Neo Tiew Road, juvenile	Chen Boon Chong

8. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
9	1	Skyville at Dawson	Zacc HD
10	1	NTU	Yip Jen Wei
15	1	AMKTGW, adult female	Ender Tey
15	1	Lorong Halus Wetlands, female	Zhang Licong
30	1	Lorong Halus Wetlands	Mike Hooper

9. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (17)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	TBHP	Mike Hooper
4	1	MED, juvenile	Saravanan K.
6	1	SBWR	Lim Kim Seng
8	1	SBG	Oliver Tan
14	1	NTU, juvenile	Yip Jen Wei
15	1	PRP	S Rama Chandran
15	3	Lock Road, immatures	Amin
16	1	Punggol Waterway	Lim Yu Jun
16	1	MED, juvenile	Low Chong Yang
19	1	Springleaf Nature Park	Lim Kim Keang
19	1	DFNP	Oliver Tan
19	1	WCP	Edmund Teo
22	1	Baker Street	Lim Kim Seng

22	1	Berlayer Creek, immature female	Frank Chen
23	1	MED	Jaydon Soo
24	1	Neo Tiew Road	Vincent Ng
26	1	JLG, immature	Philip Toh

10. Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	TBHP	Matthew Teng
8	1	TBHP	Siew Mun
22	1	TBHP	Lee Chin Pong
31	1	TBHP	Julie Edgley

11. Rufous-bellied Hawk-Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
28	1	DFNP, sub-adult	Mike Hooper

12. Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
11	1	MED, immature male	Vincent Ng
12	1	MED, immature male	Trevor Teo
13	1	MED, immature male	Trevor Teo, SB Lim, Peter Wong
15	2	Seletar Aerospace Crescent, 1:40pm & 3pm	Woo Jia Wei
16	1	MED, immature male	Herman Phua, Alan OwYong
19	1	MED, immature male	Chee Wei-lin, Lee Chin Pong, Woo Jia Wei
28	1	MED	Vincent Ng

13. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (9+1) migrants unless indicated otherwise

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Bedok South, adult	Wang HM
6	1	JLG	Tim S.
9	1	GBTB “supertrees”, <i>ernesti</i>	Chua Hui Min, Tan Chin Kong
9	1	Sky Terrace at Dawson	Alan OwYong
14	1	Punggol Waterway, adult	Lim Yu Jun
16	2	Seletar Aerospace Crescent	Vincent Ng
17	1	Pulau Ubin	Choong YT
24	1	353B Anchorvale Lane, adult	Benjamin Lee
30	1	KM	Norman Wu
30	1	Bedok South, adult	Wang HM
30	1	Jurong Island	Sushil Kumar

Resident raptors**14. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (9)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	2	Tuas South, adults	Wai Heng Lua
4	2	NTHL, nesting	Benny Ng
4	2	SBWR	Benjamin Lee
7	1	Marina Barrage	Siew Mun
8	2	Turut Track	Jonathan Lin
9	4	Tuas South	Raghav N.
16	1	MacRitchie Reservoir	Vilis Lu
16	1	MED	Oliver Tan
23	1	Lorong Halus Wetlands	Lim Yu Jun
26	1	Turut Track, adult	Benny Ng

15. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

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

16. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	
3	2	PRP, immature apparently mating with an adult	Philip Chua

17. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (9)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	1	SBG, adult	John Chin
5	1	Springleaf Nature Park	Ryuta Teo
9	1	Lorong Halus Wetlands, adult	Wai Heng Lua
10	2	Singapore, 1 adult, 1 sub-adult	Brenda Chua
mid	3	Little Guilin "Grey head fish eagle nesting season Oct 21 to January 22 at Little Guilin. First spotted the adults on 25 Oct 21, only managed to see the juvenile in early Dec 21, only one juvenile eagle fledged, left the nest in mid January 22."	Lyanne
19	2	Little Guilin	Kerry Pereira
21	1	JLG, adult	Mac Ng
22	2	Little Guilin, adults, noon	Ulf Remahl
22	1	Ulu Pandan, adult	Julian Wong
22	1	BAMK Park	Ng Wei Khim
23	2	Ulu Pandan	Benny Ng
27	1	Ulu Pandan, adult	Julian Wong
27	1	Potong Pasir, juvenile	SB Lim
30	2	SBWR	YK Han

18. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
23	1	Kranji Marsh, 10:30am	Veronica Foo
30	1	KM	Norman Wu

19. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (13)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4	2	PRP, 1st chick fledged from nest, another chick still in nest	Danny Khoo
4	2	PRP, both chicks out of the nest	Tan Boon Tiong
9	3	PRP, 1 adult, 2 juveniles	Jaydon Soo
12	2	TBHP, 1 juvenile, 1 older immature	Sc Tan
15	1	TBHP, juvenile	Siew Mun
15	1	PRP, juvenile	David Tan
18	1	PRP, juvenile	Philip Chua
19	2	WCP	Edmund Teo
22	3	KRP	Martti Siponen
25	1	SBG	Evelyn Lee
27	2	NTU, 1 adult, 1 juvenile	John Chin
27	1	PRP, juvenile, holding a changeable lizard	Philip Chua
27	2	Pepys Road, nesting	Benny Ng
30	1	PRP, juvenile	Julian Wong
31	3	TBHP	Lucas Oh

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

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	2	MED, dark morphs	Tay Kian Guan
3	1	PRP, dark morph	Billy Goh
3	3	Bukit Brown Cemetery, 1 pale morph, 2 dark morphs	Marcel Finlay
6	1	JLG, dark morph	Feroz Ghazali
8	1	TBHP, adult pale morph	Brenda Chua
8	3	NTHL	Ramesh T.
8	1	Ulu Pandan	Peng Ah Huay
9	1	TEG, juvenile pale morph	Alvin Seng
9	1	NTU, dark morph	Frank Chen
13	2	Thomson Nature Park	Feroz Ghazali
22	1	Pulau Ubin	Lim Kim Chuah
22	1	Little Guilin, 12:15pm	Ulf Remahl
29	1	DFNP, dark morph	Lee Chin Pong

21. Eastern Barn Owl *Tyto javanica* (5)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
18	1	Blk 833 Tampines St 83	Angie Cheong, SB Lim

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

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5	3	JLG, 2 adults and 1 newly fledged chick	Dennis Lim
9	3	JLG, 2 adults and 1 newly fledged chick	David Tan
23	1	Central Boulevard	Marcel Finlay
25	1	NTU, juvenile	Jared Tan
27	1	JLG, recently fledged juvenile	Benny Ng

23. Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
29	4	PRP Car Park D, 2 adults, 2 young	Chen Boon Chong

Abbreviations

AMKTGW – Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West
 BAMK– Bishan-Ang Mok Kio
 BTNR – Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
 CBP – Changi Business Park
 DFNP – Dairy Farm Nature Park
 ECP – East Coast Park
 GBTB – Gardens by the Bay
 JLG – Jurong Lake Gardens
 HWL – Hampstead Wetlands
 KM – Kranji Marsh
 MED – Marina East Drive
 NTHL – Neo Tiew Harvest Lane
 NTU – Nanyang Technological University
 PRP – Pasir Ris Park
 SBG – Singapore Botanic Gardens
 SBTB – Satay by the Bay
 SBWR – Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
 TBHP – Telok Blangah Hill Park
 TEG – Tampines Eo Green
 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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