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Lesser Whistling-Duck

Dendrocygna javanica

Between 19 Aug and 25 December 2023, up to thirteen birds were seen at Marina East Drive, with the highest count of 13 on 10 Sep 2023. A high count was also observed at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 18 Dec 2023, when ten birds were seen. Other locations where the ducks were spotted include Gardens/Satay by the Bay, Kranji Marsh, Pasir Ris Farmway 1, Pulau Tekong, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Tuas South, and Windsor Nature Park. These encounters were mostly of single birds, with no more than three birds encountered at these locations.

Cotton Pygmy Goose

Nettapus coromandelianus

Others: one bird was photographed at the Botanic Gardens Eco Lake on 25 Nov 2023 by Vincent Choong.

Mandarin Duck

Aix galericulata

A single male was seen between 8 and 12 Jul 2023 along the Ulu Pandan Park Connector near the Clementi Road junction.

Tufted Duck

Aythya fuligula

Two birds were seen on 9 Dec 2023 at Kranji Marsh.

Red Junglefowl

Gallus gallus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. High counts were noted from Singapore Botanic Gardens (estimated fifty on 2 Jul 2023), Pasir Ris Park (fifty on 25 Sep 2023, 12 Oct 2023 and 28 Dec 2023), Toa Payoh Town Park (thirty on 19 Jul 2023) and West Coast Park (twenty-seven on 23 Sep 2023). Do note that hybrids or domestic fowl counted as wild birds in these sighting records.

Blue-breasted Quail (King Quail)

Synoicus chinensis

Between two and four individuals have been seen along Pasir Ris Farmway 1 and 3 between 2 Jul 2023 and 8 Dec 2023. Individuals were reported from Jurong Lake Gardens between 30 Jul 2023 and 1 Sep 2023. One was heard at a field along Marina Grove on 5 Jul 2023; other sightings include one at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 2 Aug 2023, where a male was flushed just one metre away from the observer, and of single birds at Tuas South between 10 and 15 Dec 2023.

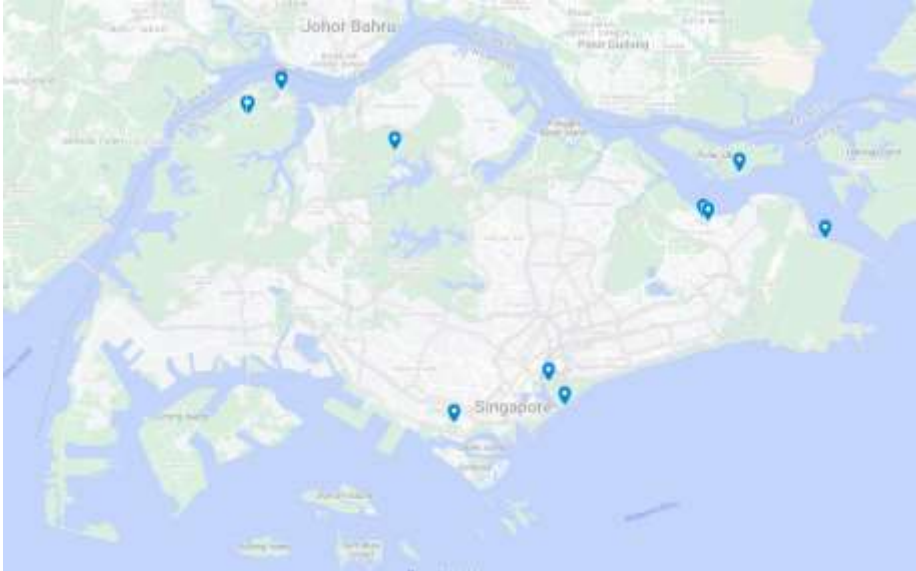
Little Grebe

Tachybaptus ruficollis

Three individuals were seen in a pond at Pasir Ris Farmway 1 on 26 Jul 2023. A single bird was seen at Lower Seletar Dam on 2 Nov 2023.

Red Collared-Dove

Streptopelia tranquebarica



Map showing sighting locations of the Red Collared-Dove.

Birds were seen in the second half of 2023. Most sighting records came from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve; up to six birds (22 Jul 2023) had been spotted at this location. Sightings of individuals were recorded from Changi Bay Point, Jalan Ulu Sembawang, Lim Chu Kang Lane 5, Mount Faber Park, Pasir Ris Park, Pulau Ubin and Marina East.

Spotted Dove

Spilopelia chinensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Asian Emerald Dove

Chalcophaps indica



Map showing sighting locations of the Asian Emerald Dove.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. More than half of the eBird sightings were recorded within the Central Catchment and adjoining buffer Nature Parks. Birds were also encountered at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Admiralty Park, Bukit Brown Cemetery, Kranji Marshes, Pulau Ubin and Pulau Tekong.

Peaceful Dove (Zebra Dove)

Geopelia striata

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

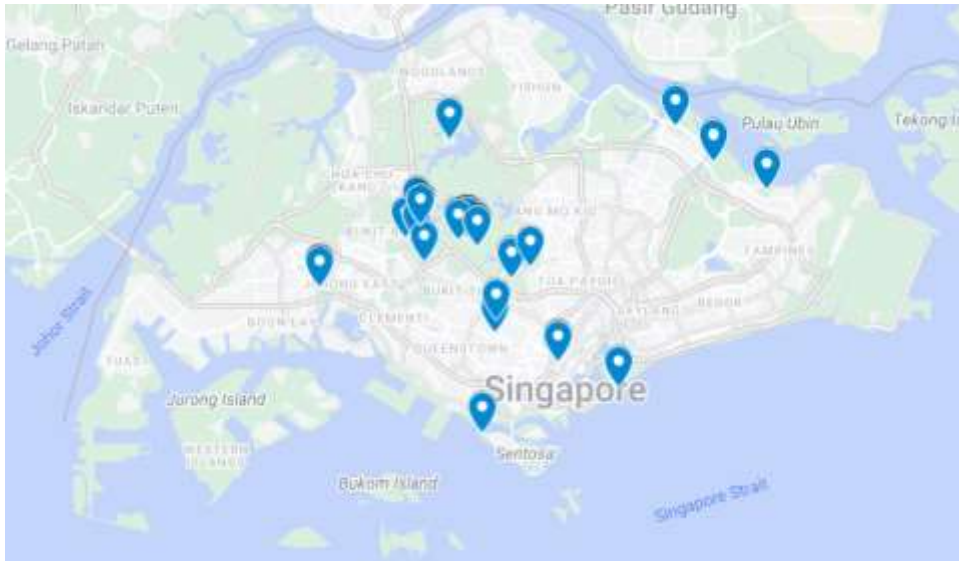
Pink-necked Green-Pigeon

Treron vernans

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. High counts of 100 birds were recorded from Singapore Botanic Gardens, Springleaf Nature Park and Marina East on 9, 19 and 25 December 2023, respectively.

Thick-billed Green-Pigeon

Treron curvirostra

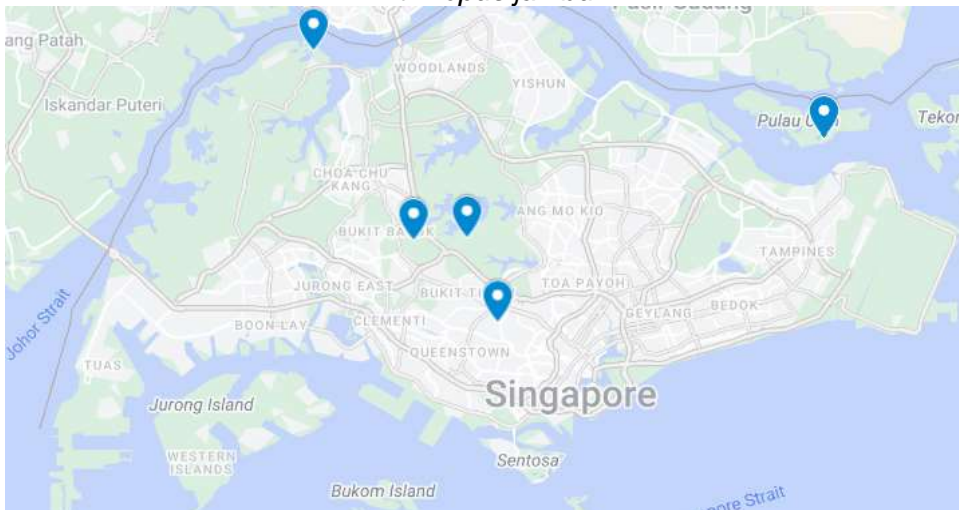


Map showing sighting locations of the Thick-billed Green Pigeon.

A good majority (79%) of the records were reported from Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, the Central Catchment Forest, Dairy Farm Nature Park and Rifle Range Link, etc. High counts included ten birds at MacRitchie Reservoir Park on 21 Oct 2023. As green pigeons are known to travel long distances, birds were also seen at other localities such as Bukit Brown Cemetery (seven on 28 Sep 2023), Jurong Lake Gardens (six on 5 Dec 2023 and single birds on other days between 12 Nov to 17 Dec 2023), Fort Canning Park (up to two between 24 and 29 Dec 2023), Fort Siloso (25 Dec 2023), Singapore Botanic Gardens (two on 7 Nov 2023), Lorong Halus (one on 30 Nov 2023), Pasir Ris Park (one on 5 Aug 2023), and Punggol Waterway Park (one on 28 Dec 2023).

Jambu Fruit-Dove

Ptilinopus jambu

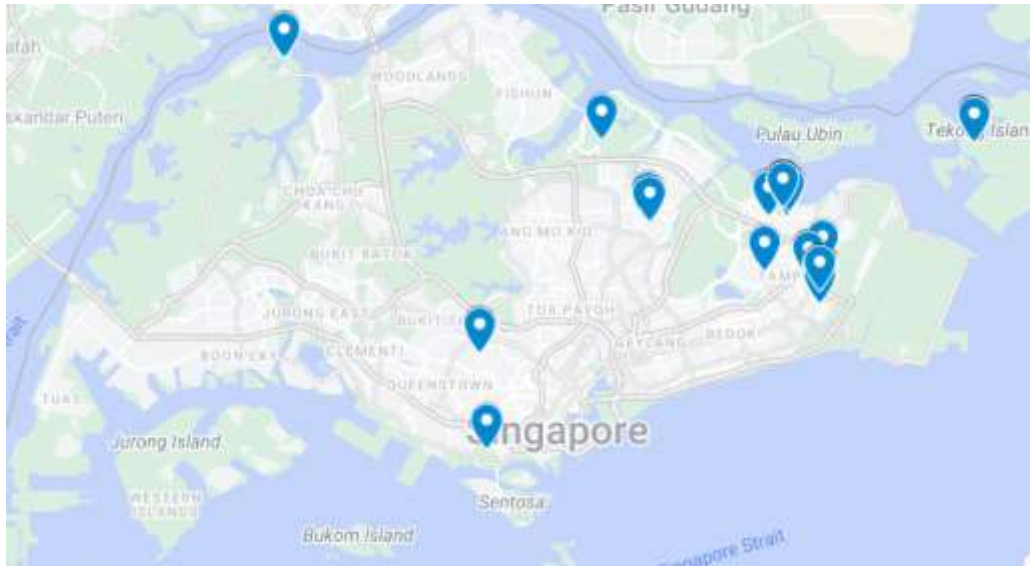


Map showing sighting locations of the Jambu Fruit Dove.

There were only five records for the second half of 2023. Two were seen on Bukit Timah Hill on 4 Jul 2023, one on Pulau Ubin on 6 Aug 2023, three along Rifle Range Link on 20 Aug 2023, an unspecified number at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 14 Oct 2023, and one at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 24 Dec 2023.

Green Imperial-Pigeon

Ducula aenea



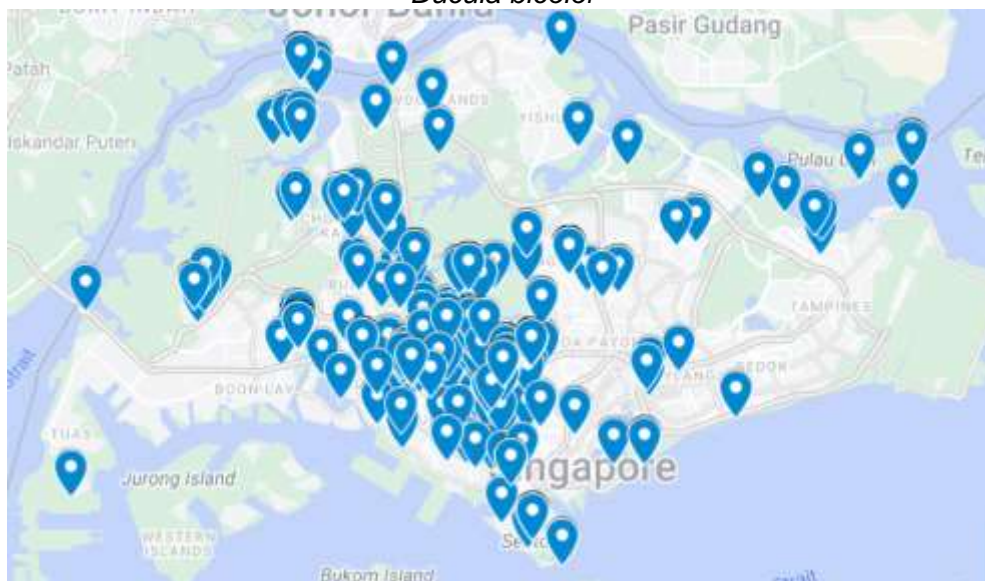
Map showing sighting locations of the Green Imperial Pigeon.

Up to 92% of the 68 sighting records came from the east. The bulk of records continued to be at the canal at Changi Business Park and Pasir Ris Park, where a maximum of seven were seen on 1 Sep 2023 and 12 Dec 2023. Up to eight birds were reported from Pulau Tekong between 19 Jul 2023 and 4 Nov 2023. Birds were also seen at Hougang Avenue 6, Tampines Avenue 5, and Hampstead Wetlands Park.

As these birds are strong flyers, we received records from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (four on 19 Sep 2023, and five on 27 Dec 2023), Mount Faber (one on 28 Oct 2023), and Singapore Botanic Gardens (up to three between 4 – 5 Dec 2023).

Pied Imperial-Pigeon

Ducula bicolor



Map showing sighting locations of the Pied Imperial Pigeon.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Majority of sightings were clustered around the western, north-western, central and southern parts of Singapore, with an increasing number of birds venturing eastwards, e.g., Pasir Ris Farmway, Pasir Ris Park, Punggol and Pulau Ubin. High numbers recorded this season include

about 180 at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 7 Oct 2023, where flocks were seen flying to and from two to three fig trees at the car park nearest Ginger Gardens in the early morning hours. Other high counts include 80 from Ulu Pandan Park Connector on 3 Oct 2023, and 60 from Lower Peirce Reservoir Park on 4 Nov 2023 and Jurong Lake Gardens on 12 Nov 2023.

Greater Coucal

Centropus sinensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Pairs were seen at Pasir Ris Farmway 1 on 12 Aug 2023, Singapore Botanic Gardens on 3 Sep 2023, and Fort Road on 29 Dec 2023.

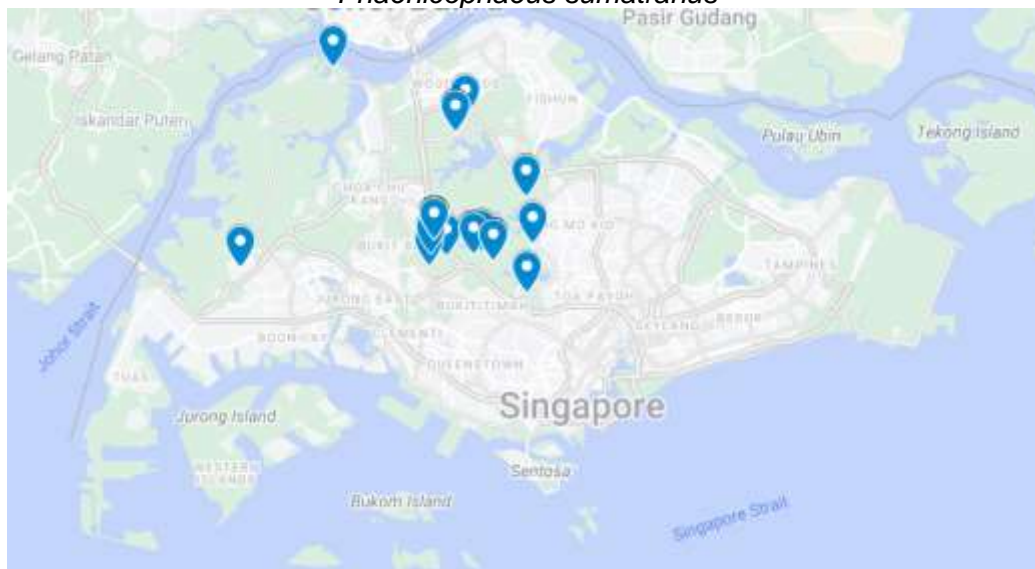
Lesser Coucal

Centropus bengalensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. The fields along the reclaimed land at Tuas supported a good number of these coucals, as visitors in Dec 2023 counted anywhere between one and five birds on other days. A high count of six birds were recorded there on 25 Dec 2023. High counts of five were also reported from Pasir Ris Farmway 3 on 2 Dec 2023 and Turut Track on 31 Dec 2023. Other locations where this non-parasitic cuckoo can be frequently seen include Jurong Lake Gardens, Kranji Marsh and Marina East Drive.

Chestnut-bellied Malkoha

Phaenicophaeus sumatranus

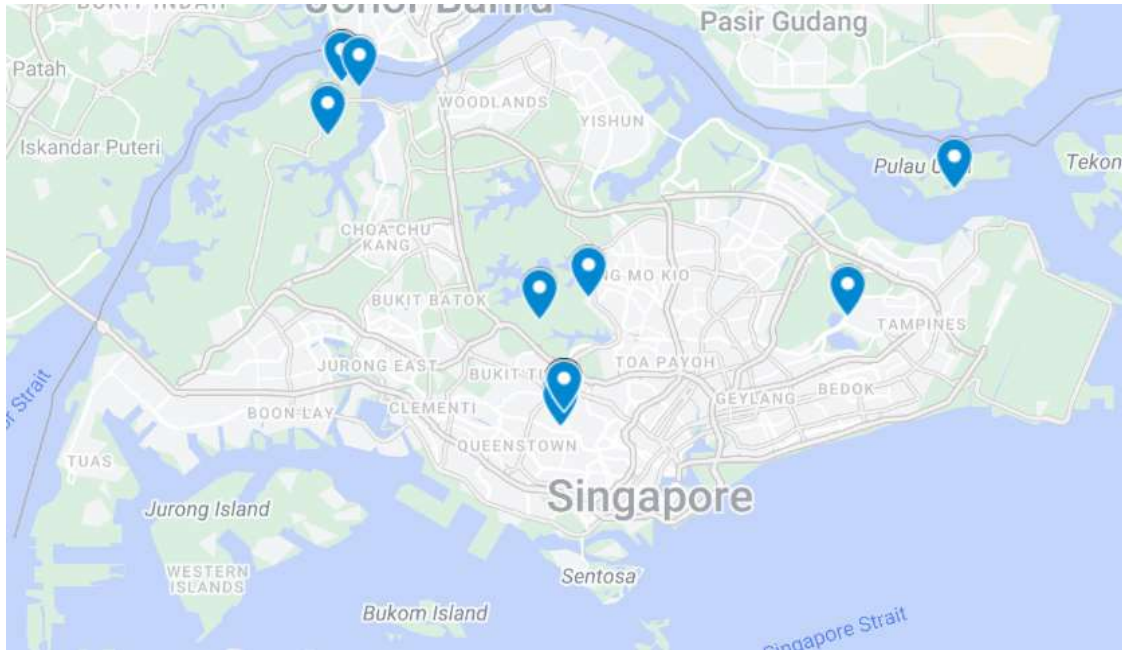


Map showing sighting locations of the Chestnut-bellied Malkoha.

Birds were seen within the Central Catchment and adjacent buffer parks. There is a further record from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 13 Aug 2023, following an earlier unconfirmed sighting on 7 May 2023. The two other sightings outside the Central Catchment were from Nanyang Technological University on 15 Aug 2023 and Bukit Brown Cemetery on 28 Sep 2023.

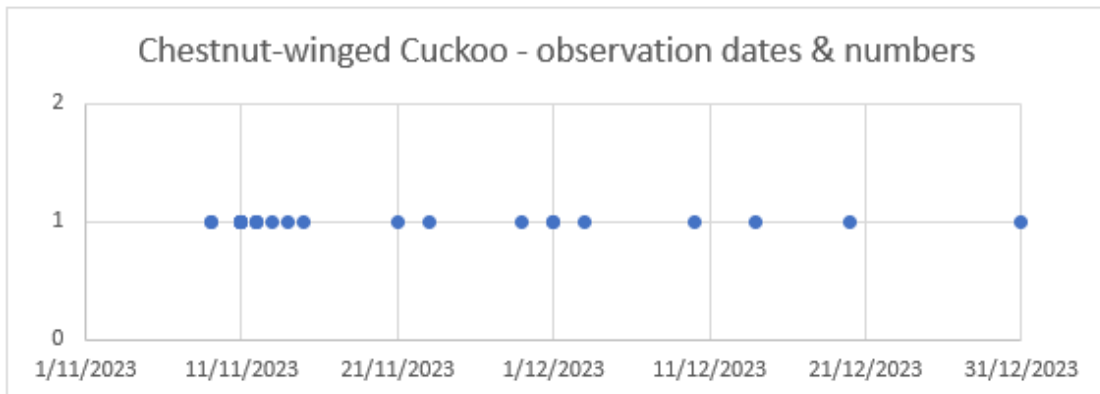
Chestnut-winged Cuckoo

Clamator coromandus



Map showing sighting locations of the Chestnut-winged Cuckoo.

The first record for the species for this season was on 9 Nov 2023 from Botanic Gardens. Last year, the first record was much earlier on 4 Oct 2022 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Based on the eBird sighting records, the peak movement period appeared to be around the first half of November 2023.



Asian Koel

Eudynamys scolopaceus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Violet Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus

Birds were recorded between 23 Jul 2023 and 28 Oct 2023 from the Central Catchment and buffer parks. Dairy Farm Nature Park remains one of the better locations to see the bird as there were several sighting records from this birding hotspot.

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx basalis



Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo at Tuas South on 16 Jul 2023 (Geoff Lim).

This year, there were three sighting records - 5 Jul 2023 from Marina South Drive, 16 Jul 2023 from the vicinity of Tuas South Avenue 16, and on 20 Aug 2023 from Marina East. There were no reports of this species from last year's eBird records.

Little Bronze-Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx minutillus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was fed by a Golden-bellied Gerygone, *Gerygone sulphurea*, on 8 Jul 2023 at Changi Bay Point.

Banded Bay Cuckoo

Cacomantis sonneratii

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Birds were heard vocalising throughout the year. There were no reports of host and juvenile interactions during this period.

Plaintive Cuckoo

Cacomantis merulinus

Birds were heard throughout all the months of the second half of 2023, with no distinct peak seasons. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was spotted on 15 Sep 2023 at Lorong Halus Wetland; however, there were no records of hosts present.

Rusty-breasted Cuckoo

Cacomantis sepulcralis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. There were four records of a juvenile being fed by a Malaysian Pied-Fantail, *Rhipidura javanica*, at Jurong Lake Gardens on 11, 30 and 31 Jul 2023 and on 1 Aug 2023.

Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo

Surniculus lugubris



Juvenile Square-tailed Drongo-Cuckoo fed by Pin-striped Tit-Babbler at Ulu Sembawang on 15 Jul 2023 (Lum Lai Har)

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Sighting records prior to the migratory season were concentrated exclusively within the Central Catchment Nature Reserve (CCNR) and buffer parks, except for one record of a single bird spotted along the Southern Ridges on 23 Jul 2023. While small numbers continued to be seen in Nov and Dec 2023 within CCNR and surrounding parks, the majority of records came from non-CCNR sites such as Changi Business Park, Fort Canning Park, Jurong Lake Gardens, Kranji Marshes, Punggol 17th Avenue, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, and Singapore Botanic Gardens. This suggests that birds seen from Nov 2023 onwards outside CCNR are likely to be migrants; while the Southern Ridges may be harbouring a resident population of these cuckoos. Breeding recorded. Single juveniles fed by adult Pin-striped Tit-babbler (*Mixornis gularis*) were reported on 19 & 23 Jul 2023 from Jalan Ulu Sembawang and Rifle Range Link, respectively.

Large Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx sparverioides

In contrast with the 24 records for the first half of the year, there were only seven records for the second half of 2023. The first recorded sighting was of a single bird on 30 Nov 2023 from Changi Business Park. Subsequent records came mainly from a possibly single bird at Jurong Lake Garden seen five times between 10 and 28 Dec 2023.

Hodgson's Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx nicolor



Hodgson's Hawk Cuckoo at Windsor Nature Park on 29 Dec 2023 (Geoff Lim).

The first record for the season was an individual spotted in Singapore Botanic Gardens on 1 Nov 2023. Five records were from Jurong Lake Gardens between 28 Nov 2023 and 6 Dec 2023, five were from Singapore Botanic Gardens between 1 Nov 2023 and 29 Dec 2023, two were from Changi Business Park on 4 and 7 Dec 2023, and one from Windsor Nature Park on 29 Dec 2023.

Malaysian Hawk-Cuckoo

Hierococcyx fugax

The first record for the season came from an individual seen on 20 Aug 2023 at Rifle Range Link within the Central Catchment. Sightings of single birds were reported from Jurong Lake Gardens between 17 Nov 2023 and 15 Dec 2023, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (27 Aug 2023 & 17 Sep 2023) and Windsor Nature Park on 28 and 29 Sep 2023.

Indian Cuckoo

Cuculus micropterus

The first record for this season was on 13 Oct 2023 of a single bird seen at Jelutong Tower within the Central Catchment. There were 49 unique sighting records, with the bulk (26) from Jurong Lake Gardens between 31 Oct 2023 and 17 Dec 2023, where up to three birds could be seen. Other locations include parts of the Central Catchment and buffer parks, Changi Business Park, Henderson Waves, Kranji Marsh, MacRitchie Reservoir Park, Marina East, Pasir Ris Park, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and Telok Blangah Hill Park.

Grey Nightjar

Caprimulgus jotaka

An individual was seen on 14 Nov 2023 at Changi Business Park, while another was spotted from Jelutong Tower within the Central Catchment on 29 Nov 2023.

Large-tailed Nightjar

Caprimulgus macrurus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Savanna Nightjar

Caprimulgus affinis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

White-throated Needletail

Hirundapus caudacutus

A single bird was seen on 29 Sep 2023 from Rifle Range Link, while another was spotted on 8 Oct 2023 from Bukit Timah Nature Reserve. A third individual was seen on 29 Oct 2023 from Henderson Waves.

Silver-backed Needletail

Hirundapus cochinchinensis

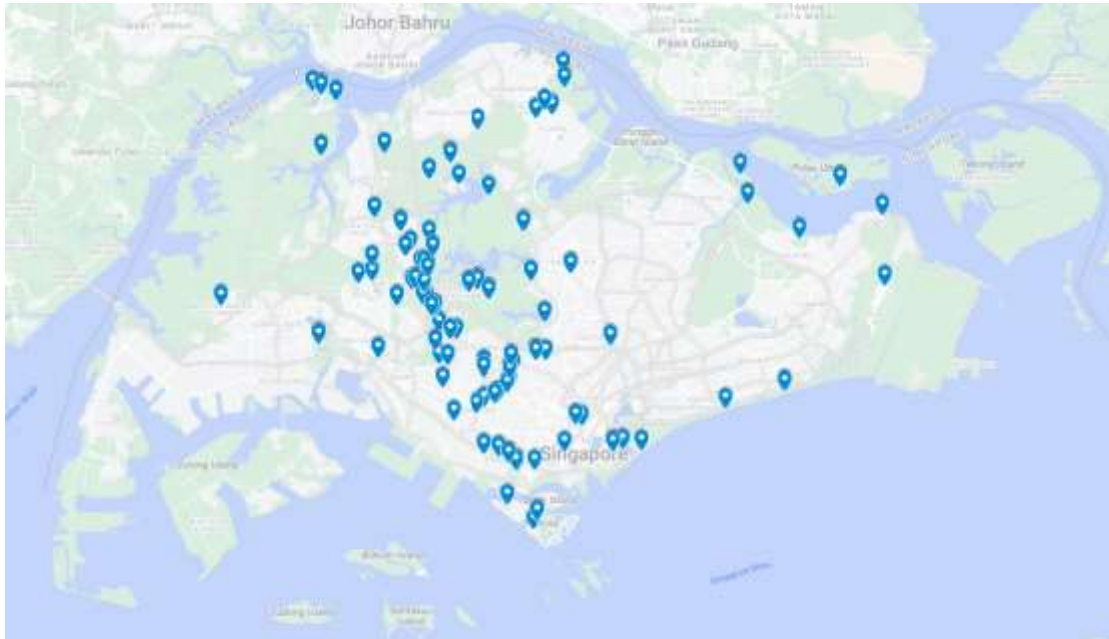
A single individual was seen over Kranji Marsh on 5 Nov 2023.

Brown-backed Needletail

Hirundapus giganteus

Single birds were seen over five calendar days, mostly over the Southern Ridges on 14 Oct 2023, 24 Oct 2023, 10 Nov 2023 and 12 Nov 2023. One individual was also seen from Block 133, Cashew Road.

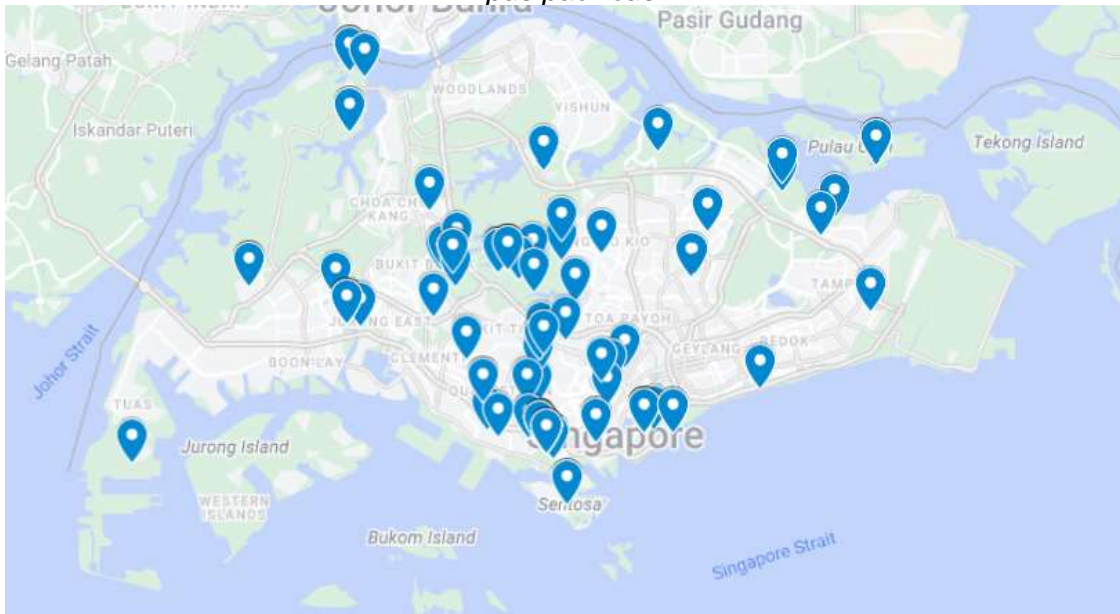
Plume-toed Swiftlet
Collocalia affinis



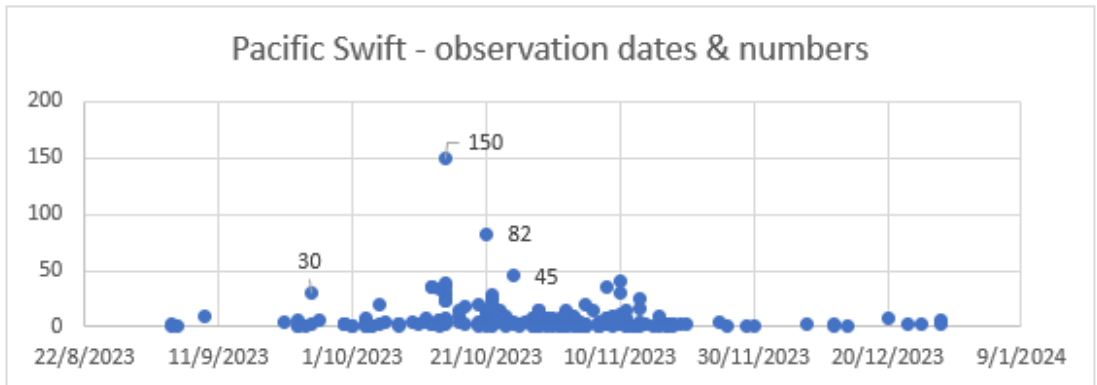
Map showing sighting locations of the Plume-toed Swiftlet.

Close to half (41%) of the records were from Central Catchment and buffer parks, with a further 22% from Singapore Botanic Gardens, Bukit Timah, Bukit Batok and surrounding areas; the rest of the records were distributed across various parts of the island, as seen from the above map.

Pacific Swift
Apus pacificus

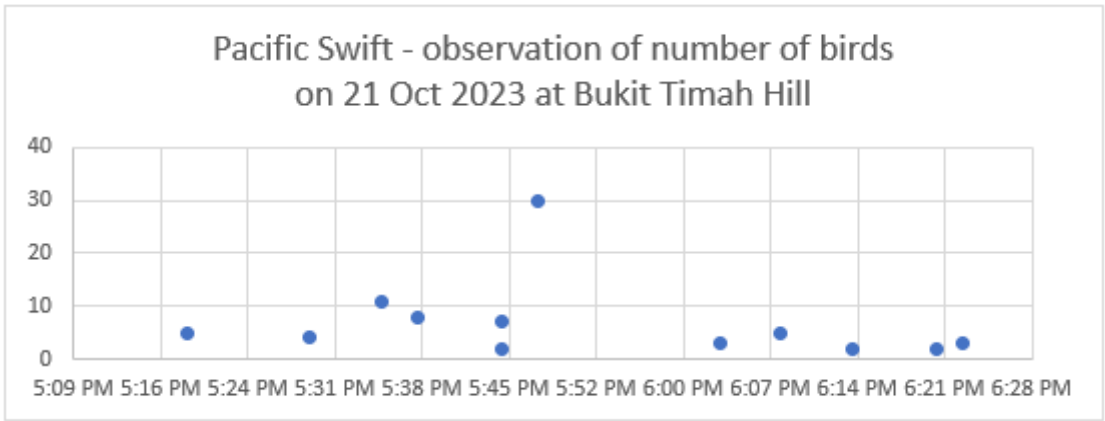
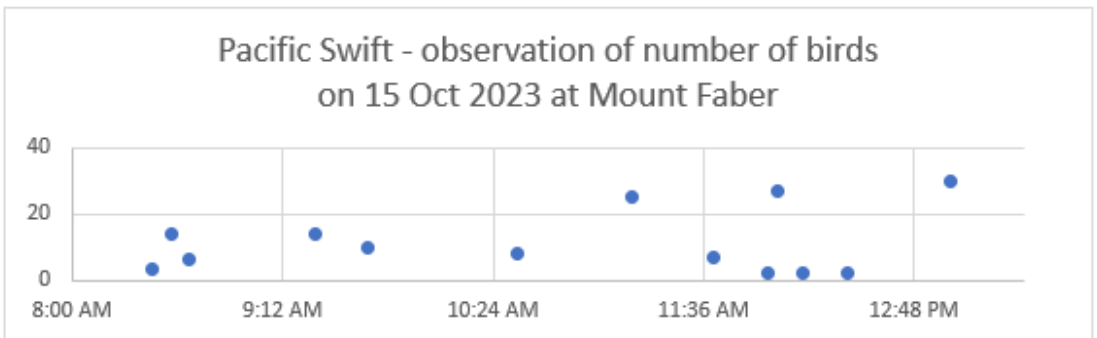


Map showing sighting locations of the Pacific Swift.

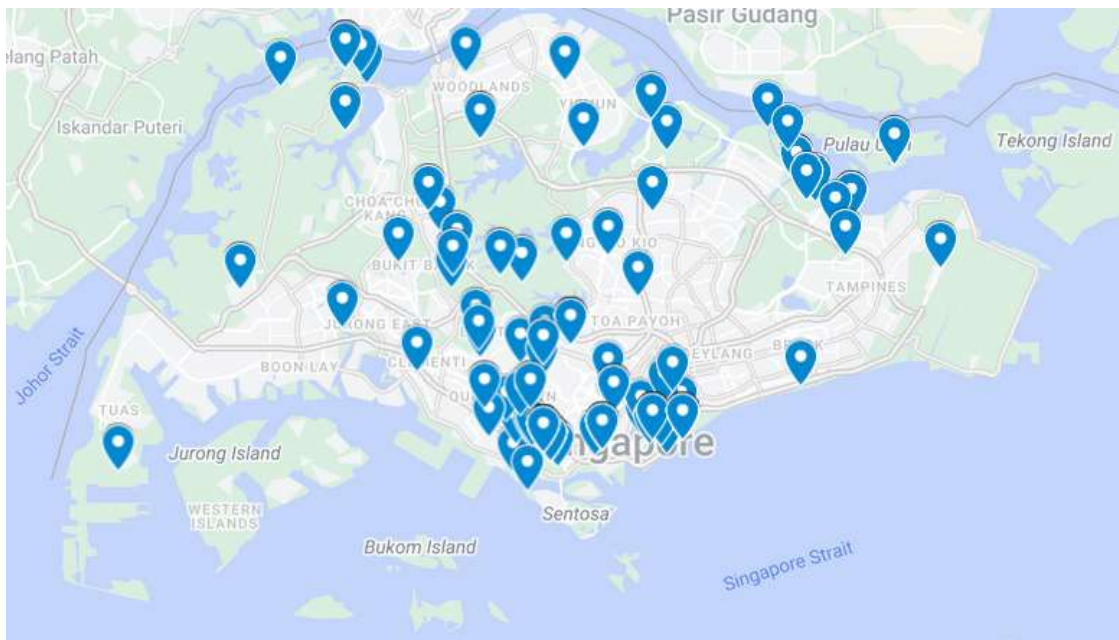


The first birds for the season were seen at Gardens by the Bay (two birds) and Pulau Ubin (single individual) on 4 Sep 2023. The peak season appeared to be between end-Sep 2023 and mid-Nov 2023.

High counts were observed on 15 Oct 2023 at Mount Faber (approximately 150 birds) and 21 Oct 2023 at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (80 birds).



House Swift
Apus nipalensis



Map showing sighting locations of the House Swift.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. The highest count was of 35 birds seen at Mount Faber on 15 Oct 2023.

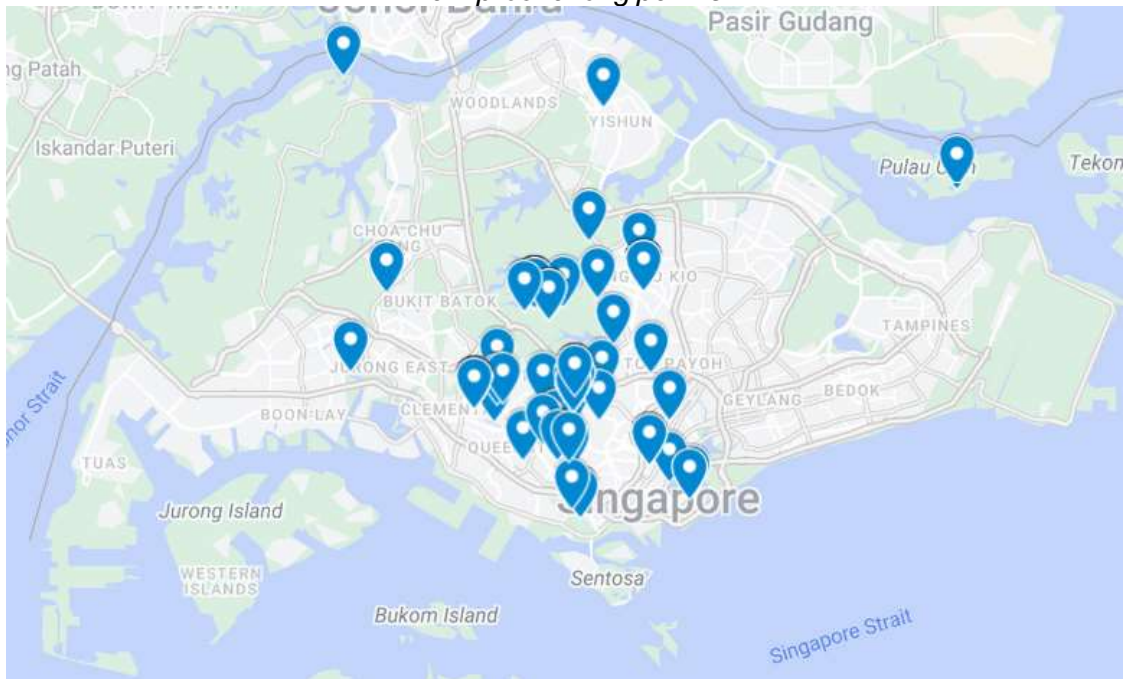
Asian Palm-Swift
Cypsiurus balasiensis



Map showing sighting locations of the Asian Palm-Swift.

Birds were present in small numbers during the second half of 2023. Key areas remain around the Central Catchment and buffer parks, Nanyang Technological University, and Singapore Botanic Gardens, with other sightings around Holland Linear Park, Fort Canning, Dover Forest and Changi Business Park.

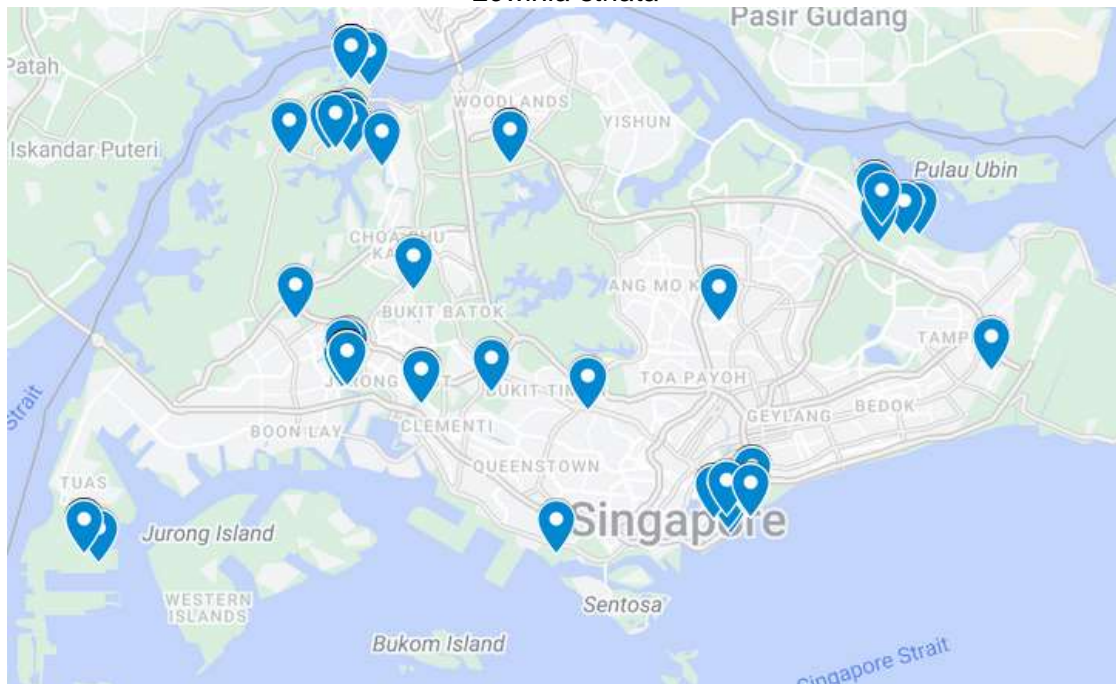
Grey-rumped Treeswift
Hemiprocne longipennis



Map showing sighting locations of the Grey-rumped Treeswift.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. No nesting activity recorded in eBird between Jul and Dec 2023. A high count of 15 birds was recorded from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 21 Oct 2023. An unusually high count of 45 birds reported on 6 Nov 2023 from Mount Sinai needs further investigation.

Slaty-breasted Rail
Lewinia striata



Map showing sighting locations of the Slaty-breasted Rail.

High counts of up to seven birds were seen in December from Jurong Lake Gardens due to adult birds having accompanying young. Other locations with high counts

include Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, with four birds seen on 31 Jul 2023 and 26 Aug 2023, while three individuals were spotted at Lorong Halus (25 Sep 2023 and 4 Dec 2023) and Marina East Drive (8 Oct 2023) and Bukit Gombak Park (22 Oct 2023). Breeding recorded. Two adults and a juvenile were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 2 Aug 2023, while a single juvenile was spotted on 20 Aug 2023. A juvenile was also spotted at Kranji Marsh on 1 Sep 2023, but seen fighting occasionally with some Ruddy-breasted Crake, *Zapornia fusca*. Another juvenile was seen foraging in a field at Turut Track on 9 Sep 2023. On 21 and 23 Dec 2023, a pair of adults was seen at Jurong Lake Gardens; five chicks were seen with the adults on the 21st while only four were seen on the 23rd.

Eurasian Moorhen

Gallinula chloropus

Mostly single birds seen at the flooded fields at Marina East Drive between 12 Sep 2023 and 25 Dec 2023. Two were spotted on 15 Nov 2023 and 5 Dec 2023, while four adults were seen on 3 Dec 2023. A single individual was also reported from Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park between 13 and 23 Dec 2023.

White-browed Crake

Poliolimnas cinereus

Mostly single birds were seen at Kranji Marsh between 26 Aug 2023 and 15 Oct 2023; two individuals were spotted on 28 Aug 2023, where one appeared to be a sub-adult, and on 4 Oct 2023, where both were adults. Other sightings included a single individual at Pasir Ris Town Park on 14 Jul 2023 and on Pulau Ubin on 22 Aug 2023.

Watercock

Gallicrex cinerea

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Records were scarcer during the second half of the year. The earliest record was of an individual on 15 Oct 2023 at Kranji Marsh. Subsequent sightings came from Turut Track on 9 Dec 2023, and from Marina East Drive between 7 and 25 Dec 2023.

White-breasted Waterhen

Amaurornis phoenicurus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Observers have counted high numbers in parks such as Singapore Botanic Gardens (30 on 7 Nov 2023), Jurong Lake Gardens (25 on 21 Nov 2023), and Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park (18 on 30 Dec 2023).

Red-legged Crake

Rallina fasciata

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Twenty-five sighting records (44.6%) came from the Central Catchment and buffer parks, while another eight (14.3%) came from the Botanic Gardens. Birds were also recorded at Dover Forest, Gardens by the Bay, Jurong Lake Gardens, Kranji Marsh, Pasir Ris Park, Pulau Ubin, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and Ulu Pandan Park Connector.

Ruddy-breasted Crake
Zapornia fusca



Map showing sighting locations of the Ruddy-breasted Crake.

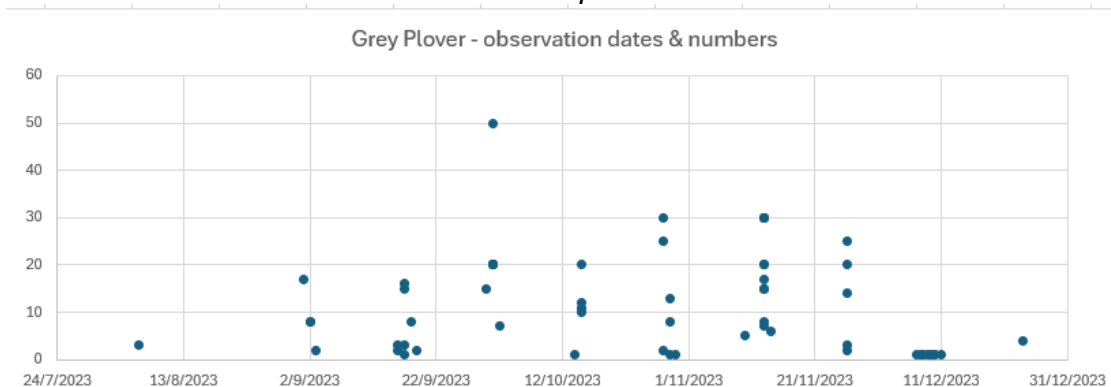
Most sightings were reported from Jurong Lake Gardens, Marina East Drive, and Kranji Marsh. Breeding reported. One juvenile seen at Jurong Lake Gardens on 3 and 9 Jul 2023, while another juvenile was spotted at Marina East Drive on 7 Oct 2023.

Black-winged Stilt
Himantopus himantopus

A pair was seen at Pulau Tekong on 8 Jul 2023, while four were seen on 19 Aug 2023 at Seletar Dam at 7:04am foraging on the flats during low tide.

Others: an individual was seen on 3 Dec 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve by Ikson Siah.

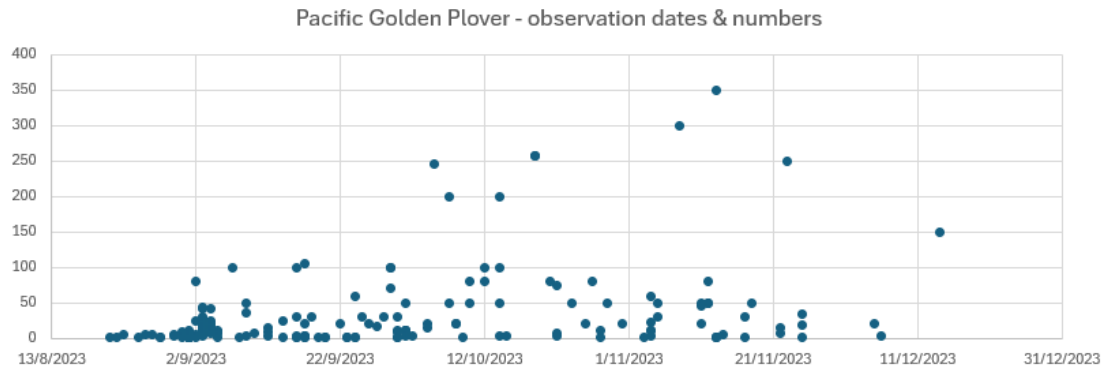
Grey Plover
Pluvialis squatarola



The first record for the season was a sighting of three birds at Chek Jawa on 6 Aug 2023. Movement began to peak around mid-Sep 2023, and petered off after the final week of Nov 2023, where numbers began to drop thereafter.

Pacific Golden-Plover

Pluvialis fulva



The first record for the season was of two birds seen at Seletar Dam on 21 Aug 2023. High counts of a hundred and above started from 7 Sep 2023 onwards, peaking around mid-Nov 2023 with 350 birds counted.

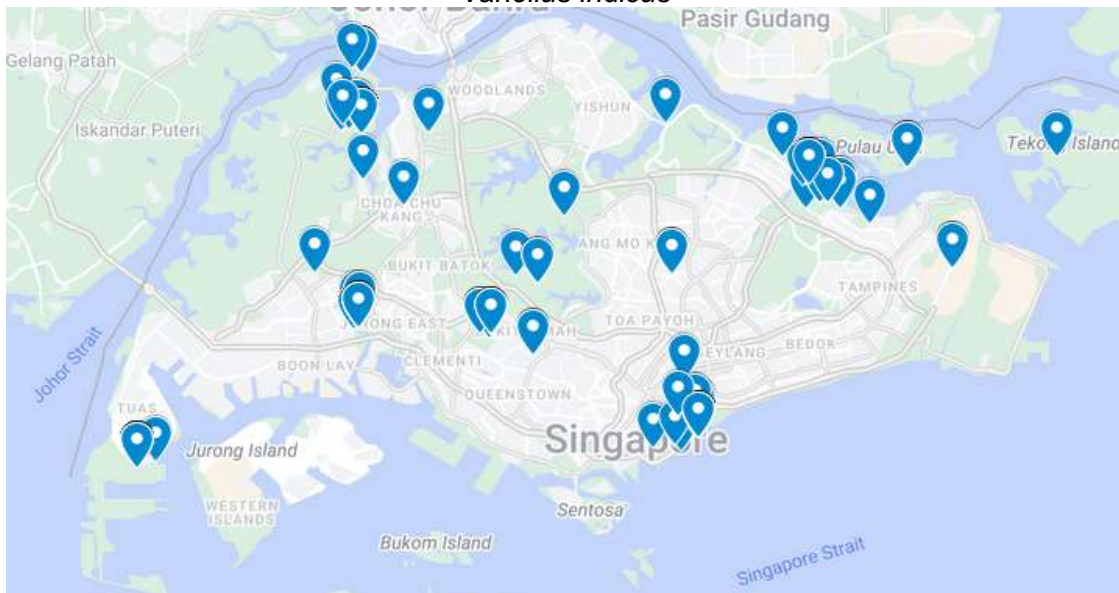
Little Ringed Plover

Charadrius dubius

The first record for the season was of an individual spotted at Marina East Drive on 28 Jul 2023. Subsequent sightings were reported mostly from the Marina Barrage breakwater and Marina East Drive, as well as from Pulau Ubin (three on 2 Sep 2023) and Kranji Marsh (five were seen on 2 Sep 2023).

Red-wattled Lapwing

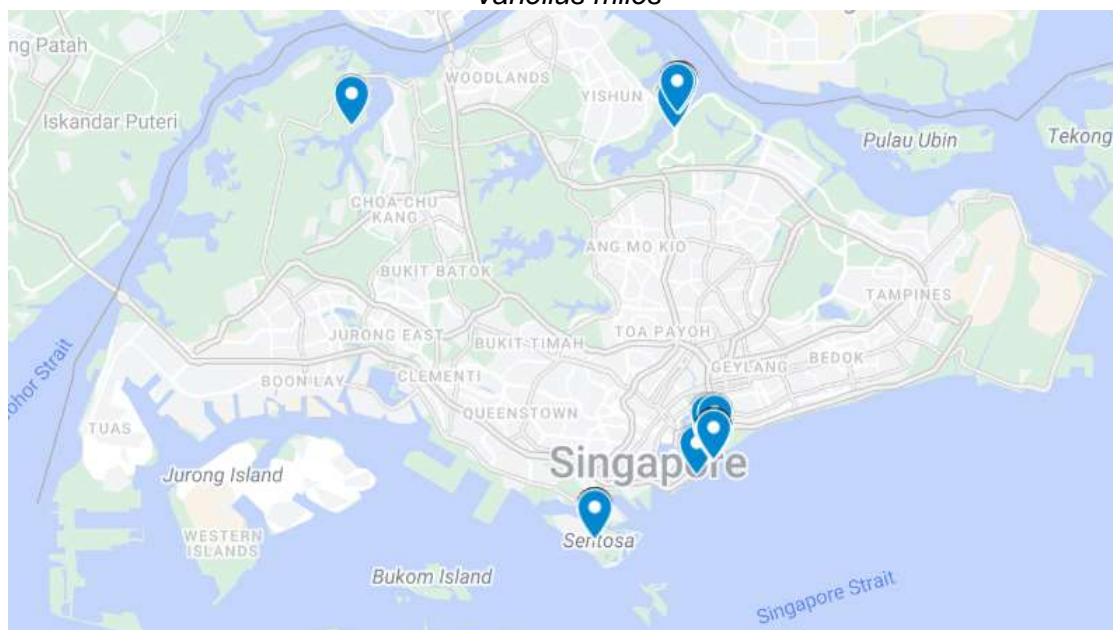
Vanellus indicus



Map showing sighting locations of the Red-wattled Lapwing.

High counts were reported from Kranji Marsh (17 on 3 Dec 2023) and Pasir Ris Farmway 3 (17 on 3 Dec 2023). Breeding recorded. One juvenile was reported on 1 Sep 2023, 6 and 7 Oct 2023.

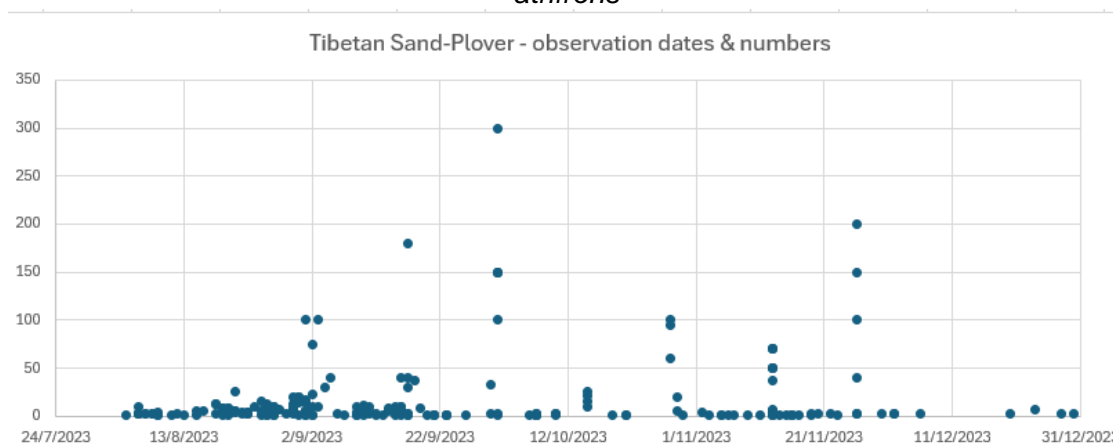
Masked Lapwing *Vanellus miles*



Map showing sighting locations of the Masked Lapwing.

Birds continue to be found mainly at Marina East Drive, Rower's Bay at Seletar, and Kranji Marsh. High numbers of up to 12 have been reported at Marina East Drive. No breeding was reported.

Tibetan Sand-Plover *Anarhynchus atrifrons*



The first record for the season came from a single individual at Marina Barrage on 4 Aug 2023. Sizeable numbers began arriving in earnest from 1 Sep 2023 onwards, where about 100 birds were counted off Chek Jawa on that day. A high count of 300 was recorded, also from Chek Jawa, on 1 Oct 2023, while 200 birds were seen off the same location on 26 Nov 2023.

Greater Sand-Plover *Anarhynchus leschenaultia*

A single bird was reported from Seletar Dam from 16 Aug 2023 to 5 Sep 2023.

Malaysian Plover

Anarhynchus peronii

Two birds were seen along Changi Bay Point on 17 Sep 2023. All other eBird observations during this period were from the Marina East breakwater. Up to eight birds could be seen here.

Kentish Plover

Anarhynchus alexandrinus

The first record came from a single bird seen on 7 Sep 2023 along the Marina East breakwater. Subsequently, up to four birds were seen at this location. No sightings from other locations were reported during this period.

White-faced Plover

Anarhynchus dealbatus



White-faced Plover on 1 Dec 2023 (Herman Phua).

The first bird was seen on 1 Sep 2023 along the barrage at Marina East Drive. Between one and four birds were counted during this period from this location.

Greater Painted-Snipe

Rostratula benghalensis

Like during the first half of 2023, birds were seen mostly from the fields around Marina East Drive. High counts of eight birds were reported on 21 Aug 2023 and 6 Nov 2023. Other sightings of single birds were reported from Lorong Halus Wetland on 18 Jul 2023, Lim Chu Kang Lane 3 on 5 Aug 2023, Kranji Marsh (single bird between 15 Sep 2023 and 15 Oct 2023), Turut Track on 9 Dec 2023 and a field north of Jurong West Street 22 on 22 Dec 2023. Three birds were reported from Neo Tiew Harvest Lane on 16 Sep 2023.

Pheasant-tailed Jacana
Hydrophasianus chirurgus

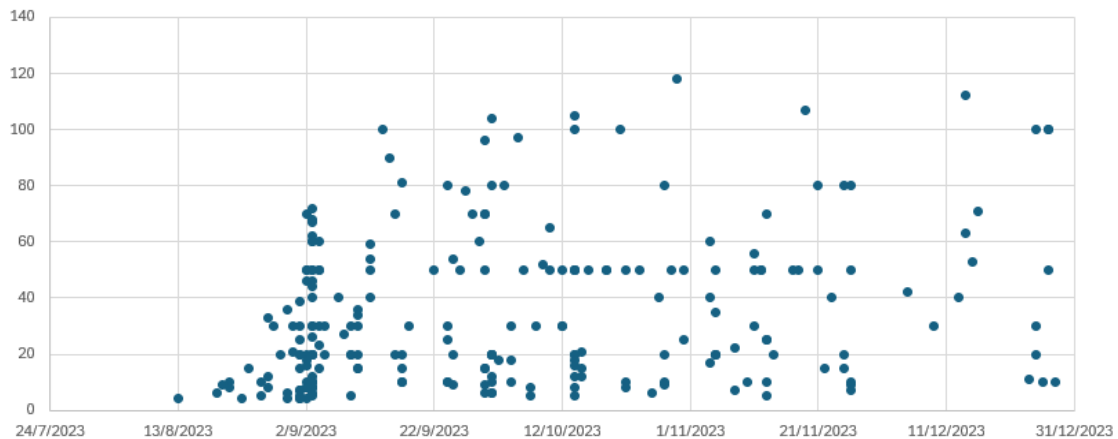


Pheasant-tailed Jacana at Lower Peirce Reservoir on 19 Nov 2023 (Geoff Lim).

A single bird was seen perched on some buoys at Lower Peirce Reservoir on 19 Nov 2023 for the whole day.

Whimbrel
Numenius phaeopus

Whimbrel - observation dates & numbers



The first record for the season came from a single bird on 11 Aug 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Subsequently, more birds began arriving; four birds were observed at Sungei Buloh on 13 Aug 2023, while a single individual was seen along Seletar Dam on 18 Aug 2023. By 20 Aug 2023, up to nine individuals were recorded from Sungei Buloh. By 27 Aug 2023, up to 33 birds were seen at the wetland reserve. High counts of 118 and 112 were observed on 30 Oct 2023 and 14 Dec 2023.

Eurasian Curlew

Numenius arquata



A flock of Eurasian Curlews over Marina East Drive on 5 Sep 2023 (Mohmed Fazlin).

Three birds were seen from Chek Jawa on 17 Sep 2023. Two were spotted on 23 Sep 2023 along the Singapore Strait during a pelagic trip by a group of birders. Interestingly, birders watching for raptors spotted single birds flying over Mount Faber on 24 Oct 2023 and Henderson Waves on 28 Oct 2023.

Others: a flock of at least nine Curlews photographed by Mohamed Fazlin over Marina East Drive on 5 Sep 2023 is the season's first record for the species.

Bar-tailed Godwit

Limosa lapponica

Not more than two godwits were reported from Chek Jawa, Pulau Ubin between 3 Sep 2023 and 26 Nov 2023. The first record for the season was from a single record on 3 Sep 2023. Individuals seen on 17 Sep 2023 were still in partial breeding plumage.

Asian Dowitcher

Limnodromus semipalmatus

Four birds were seen on 3 Sep 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve.

Common Snipe

Gallinago gallinago

The first record was of a bird seen on 7 Nov 2023 at Changi Business Park. Other sightings include single birds at Lorong Halus Wetland on 11 Dec 2023, Marina East between 16 Nov 2023 and 26 Dec 2023, and from Tuas South on 15 Dec 2023 when a bird was flushed from a drainage channel. Between four and five birds were seen at Pasir Ris Farmway 3 on 2 & 7 Dec 2023, while two were seen on 18 Dec 2023 at Piccadilly/Seletar End.

Terek Sandpiper

Xenus cinereus



A tagged Terek Sandpiper at Sungei Buloh on 5 Sep 2023 (Ho Siew Mun)

There were several records of the species around the island during this period. The first record for the season was a single individual spotted on 19 Aug 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Others included:

- Seletar Dam: a single bird was seen at Seletar Dam between 30 Aug 2023 and 1 Oct 2023;

- Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve: up to four were seen from 19 Aug 2023 to 15 Dec 2023. The returning B5 was first reported on 31 Aug 2023 and last reported on 28 Oct 2023;
- Kranji Dam: a single individual was spotted among other shorebirds on 2 & 4 Sep 2023;
- Chek Jawa: up to four birds were spotted between 16 Sep 2023 and 26 Nov 2023
- Marina East breakwater: one bird was seen along the breakwater at Marina East on 27 Sep 2023.

Common Sandpiper

Actitis hypoleucos

The first record for the season was an individual seen on 14 Jul 2023 at Pasir Ris Park.

Marsh Sandpiper

Tringa stagnatilis

The first record for this season were of two birds on 27 Aug 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Up to two birds were seen at the Marina East breakwater area between 2 and 10 Oct, while a similar number were spotted at Chek Jawa between 1-2 Sep 2023. The bulk of sightings came from Sungei Buloh, where between one and two individuals were spotted feeding with Common Greenshanks between 27 Aug 2023 and 9 Dec 2023.

Wood Sandpiper

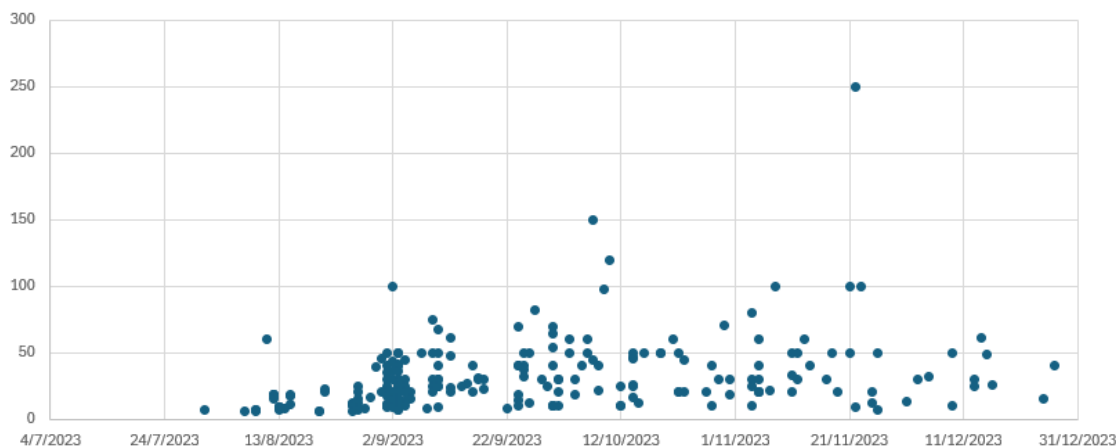
Tringa glareola

The first record for the season was a single bird spotted on 11 Aug 2023 from Marina East Drive. Birds were spotted at the usual birding hotspots with suitable habitat, such as Kranji Marsh, Marina East Drive, Neo Tiew Harvest Lane, Piccadilly/Seletar End, Sungei Buloh and Tuas South. High counts of six birds were recorded from Marina East Drive on 30 Sep 2023 and from Tuas South on 16 Dec 2023.

Common Redshank

Tringa tetanus

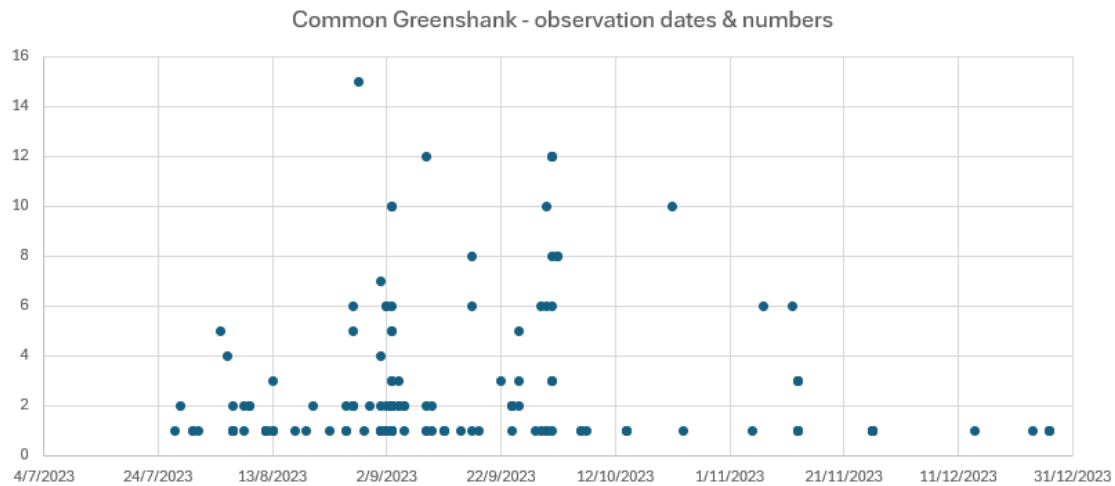
Common Redshank - observation dates & numbers



The first record for this species were of five birds seen on 22 Jul 2023 at Pulau Ubin. High counts were noted from Sungei Buloh on 2 Sep 2023 (100), 7 Oct 2023 (150), 10

Oct 2023 (120) and 22 Nov 2023 (250). Small numbers of up to two individuals have also been seen along Marina East breakwater and Pasir Ris Park. Up to seven birds were seen at Chek Jawa between 22 Jul 2023 and 14 Oct 2023.

Common Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*



The first record for the season was of a single bird seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 27 Jul 2023. Between one and two birds continued to be seen until the end of Jul 2023. As the last record for the previous season were of four birds at Chek Jawa on 23 Jun 2023, these may well have been stragglers that did not migrate. Numbers began to increase from Aug 2023 onwards, with the highest count of 15 on 28 Aug 2023 from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. However, numbers remained below 15 throughout the season.

Ruddy Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

The first record for this season was of a single bird spotted on 16 Sep 2023 from Chek Jawa Wetlands, flying towards Seduku Rocks. Not more than two birds were seen at Chek Jawa until 26 Nov 2023. Two individuals were also spotted on 24 Sep 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve foraging with Whimbrels and Common Redshanks near the main hide.

Broad-billed Sandpiper *Calidris falcinellus*

Two birds were seen on 29 & 30 Sep 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve at the main hide.

Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

The first record for this season was a single bird seen on 20 Aug 2023 at Seletar Dam; a single bird continued to be seen until 24 Aug 2023. An individual was also spotted at Chek Jawa from 28 Oct 2023 to 13 Nov 2023.

Long-toed Stint
Calidris subminuta



A Long-toed Stint with a Common Redshank at Sungei Buloh on 30 Sep 2023 (Gerald KC Lim).

A pair was spotted at the main hide on 30 Sep 2023.

Red-necked Stint
Calidris ruficollis

The first record for the season was of two birds spotted on 17 Sep 2023 at Chek Jawa. Up to eight birds were reported until 26 Nov 2023.

Sanderling
Calidris alba

The first record for the season was of one individual on 17 Sep 2023 at Chek Jawa. Another sighting was recorded from Chek Jawa of a single bird on 13 Nov 2023.

Barred Buttonquail
Turnix suscitator

Up to four birds were seen at Jurong Lake Gardens between 9 Jul 2023 and 17 Nov 2023. A male and female were spotted here on 9 Jul and 1 Aug 2023. Other sightings include two birds on 17 Sep 2023 at Changi Bay Point, two at Pasir Ris Farmway on 2 & 12 Aug 2023, and a single bird at Tuas South between 10 & 18 Dec 2023.

Oriental Pratincole

Glareola maldivarum

The first record for this season was a sighting from Mount Faber of a single bird on 15 Oct 2023. High counts were recorded between 30 Oct 2023 and 16 Nov 2023, with 49 birds recorded flying over the park on 12 Nov 2023. Other locations where Pratincoles were spotted include the Central Catchment (six on 27 Oct 2023), Hampstead Wetlands (eight on 2 Nov 2023), Pinnacle@Duxton (at least eight on 9 Nov 2023) and Tuas South (three on 30 Oct 2023).

Black-headed Gull

Chroicocephalus ridibundus



One of two Black-headed Gull off Kranji Reservoir on 2 Dec 2023 (Andy Lee).

Up to two birds were seen in the waters off Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve between 25 & 27 Dec 2023.

Others: two birds were seen off Kranji Reservoir on 2 Dec 2023 by Andy Lee.

Aleutian Tern

Onychoprion aleuticus

Six were recorded off Pulau Ubin on 16 Sep 2023, and seven within Singapore port limits on 14 Oct 2023.

Pelagic trips in the Singapore Strait (these records may not be in Singapore waters): about 20 individuals were spotted on 8 Oct 2023, while 15 were seen in the on 23 Sep 2023 & 14 Oct 2023.

Bridled Tern

Onychoprion anaethetus

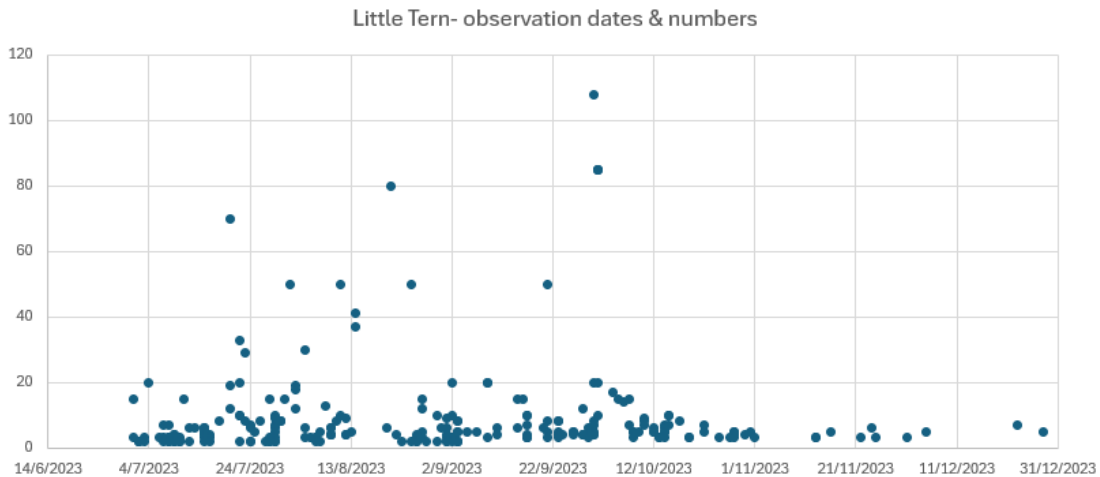
Up to four birds were seen around Marina Bay and off Pulau Ubin between 15 Aug 2023 and 20 Nov 2023.

Little Tern

Sternula albifrons



Map showing sighting locations of the Little Tern.



A high count of 85 was observed on 1 Oct 2023 off Pulau Ubin. Breeding recorded. Two juveniles were seen off the Marina Barrage breakwater pm 30 Jul 2023, while juveniles and adults were seen at the same location on 24 Jul 2023 and 20 Aug 2023.

Pelagic trips in the Singapore Strait (these records may not be in Singapore waters): 108 birds were observed on 30 Sep 2023 - a flock of more than 70 birds was first seen during the pelagic trip on this day, while others were counted as the trip progressed.

Gull-billed Tern

Gelochelidon nilotica

Between one and two birds were seen off Pulau Ubin between 30 Sep 2023 and 15 Oct 2023.

Caspian Tern

Hydroprogne caspia

A single bird was seen off Pulau Ubin on 10 Dec 2023.

White-winged Tern

Chlidonias leucopterus

A single individual was spotted on 22 Aug 2023 off Marina East; birds continued to be reported until 10 Dec 2023. A high count of at least 200 birds was reported on 14 Nov 2023 off Marina East. On 17 Nov 2023, an observer counted 52 birds feeding around Marina Barrage in the evening. An hour later, a large flock of more than one hundred individuals was spotted flying high and headed south over Sentosa an hour later. Birds were also seen along Lorong Halus and Kranji Marsh.

Whiskered Tern

Chlidonias hybrida

The earliest record came from a sighting of a bird over Kranji Reservoir on 31 Aug 2023. Eight were counted from Kallang Riverside Park on 20 Oct 2023 and 14 Nov 2023. Other locations where birds were seen include Kranji Marsh, Jurong Lake Garden, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, and the Singapore River area around Tanjong Rhu.

Common Tern

Sterna hirundo

A single bird was seen within Singapore port limits on 14 Oct 2023.

Black-naped Tern

Sterna sumatrana

Between one and five birds were seen in waters off Singapore, Pulau Ubin, Pulau Tekong, and Lazarus Island between 2 Jul 2023 and 28 Dec 2023.

Lesser Crested Tern

Thalasseus bengalensis

A single individual was seen on the mudflat near the Kranji Dam on 21 Aug 2023. A single individual was seen off Chek Jawa with Great Crested Tern on 1 Oct 2023. Two birds were also seen on 14 Oct 2023 off Chek Jawa.

Great Crested Tern

Thalasseus bergii

Birds were seen through the second half of the year in the waters off Singapore and the islands. A high count of up to 25 birds was recorded off Pulau Ubin on 26 Nov 2023. Up to three birds were seen in the mudflat near the Kranji Dam on 21 Aug 2023

Swinhoe's Storm-Petrel

Hydrobates monorhis

Pelagic trips in the Singapore Strait (these records may not be in Singapore waters): During three private pelagic trips in the Singapore Strait, three were seen on 30 Sep 2023, one was recorded on 8 Oct 2023, and up to two on 14 Oct 2023.

Asian Openbill

Anastomus oscitans



Asian Openbill at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 1 Aug 2023 (Lim Kim Chuah).

A single juvenile was recorded from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve between 29 Jul 2023 and 21 Dec 2023.

Lesser Adjutant
Leptoptilos javanicus



Lesser Adjutant at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve 5 Aug 2023 (Ho Siew Mun).

Sightings were mostly concentrated around Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Up to 18 birds, 15 riding the thermals above the main hide and three at Platform 1, were counted on 13 Nov 2023. Eight were seen in the Reserve on 4 Nov 2023. On most occasions, between one and three birds could be seen. Interestingly, birders also reported sightings outside SBWR during this period. Six were seen over Choa Chu Kang Park on 16 Dec 2023, one was soaring high over D'Leedon condominium along Farrer Road on 9 Oct 2023, while three birds were flying southwards over Mount Faber towards Sentosa on 8 Oct 2023.

Lesser Frigatebird

Fregata ariel



*Lesser Frigatebird mobbed by Brahminy Kite over Hampstead Wetland on 11 Oct 2023
(Tan Chuan-Yean).*

Others: a single bird was seen over Hampstead Wetlands and mobbed by a Brahminy Kite on 11 Oct 2023 by Tan Chuan-Yean.

Red-footed Booby

Sula sula

A single bird was spotted over Henderson Waves on 22 Oct 2023 by many observers present.

Oriental Darter
Anhinga melanogaster



Oriental Darter at Singapore Quarry on 1 Oct 2023 (Teo Lay Chong).

Mostly single birds were reported from Pulau Ubin, Singapore Quarry and the former quarry at Hindhede Nature Park. An observer noted two individuals at Hindhede on 11 Dec 2023, while two have been spotted on Ubin on 1 Oct 2023, 23 Oct 2023 and 19 Dec 2023, mostly at Pekan Quarry. Observers at Sungei Buloh have also reported seeing two birds on 13 & 17 Dec 2023. Single birds were reported from Pasir Ris Town Park on 14 Jul 2023, Seletar Dam on 19 Aug 2023, Rifle Range on 8 Sep 2023 and 22 Nov 2023, Mount Faber Park on 1 Nov 2023, Pang Sua Canal on 17 Dec 2023, and Kranji Reservoir on 25 Dec 2023.

Great Cormorant
Phalacrocorax carbo

Two birds were spotted at Pasir Ris Town Park on 14 Jul 2023, while up to three birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve between 15 Jul 2023 and 3 Dec 2023. Between one and two individuals were also spotted at Woodlands Waterfront Park between 24 Nov 2023 and 27 Dec 2023.

Black Bittern

Ixobrychus flavicollis

The first record for the season came from a bird spotted on 4 Nov 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens. Mostly single birds were spotted from Jurong Lake Gardens, Hampstead Wetlands Park, Pasir Town Park, and the Eco Lake at Singapore Botanic Gardens. Two individuals were seen on 16 Dec 2023 at Hampstead.

Cinnamon Bittern

Ixobrychus cinnamomeus

Individuals were seen at Clementi Forest on 9 Aug 2023, Jurong Lake Gardens between 12 & 21 Dec 2023, Marina East on 3 & 25 Dec 2023, Neo Tiew Harvest Lane on 28 Nov 2023, Singapore Botanic Gardens on 1 & 30 Nov 2023, and Tuas South on 24 Dec 2023.

Von Schrenck's Bittern

Ixobrychus eurhythmus

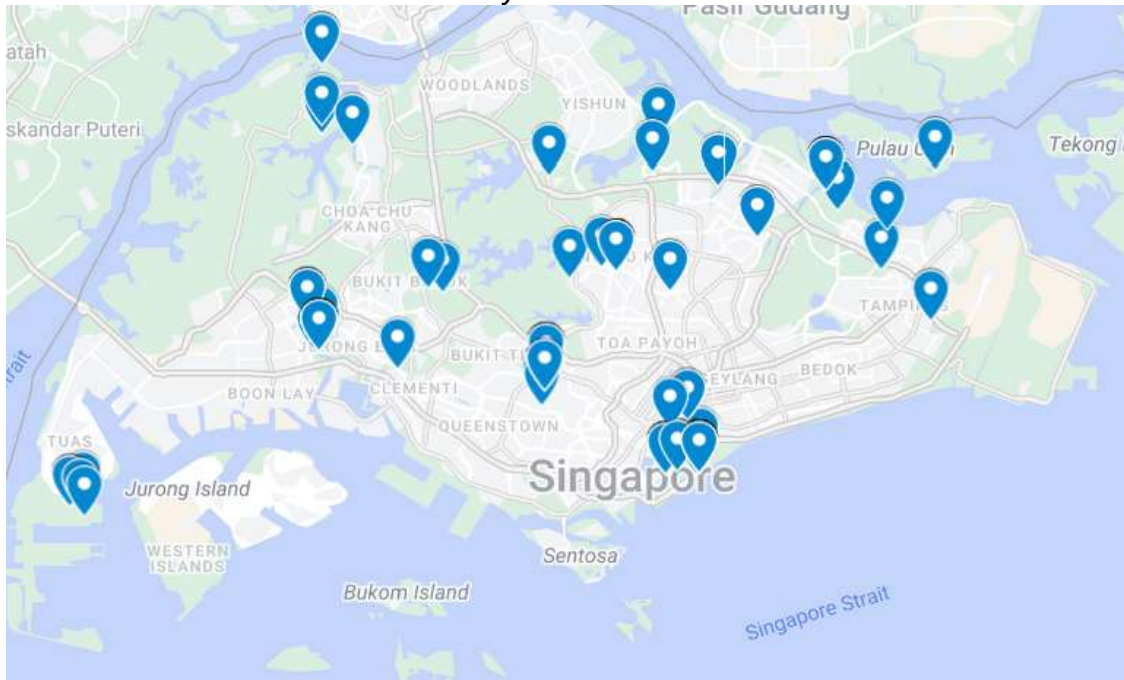
The first record for the season came from a sighting on 5 Dec 2023. A single individual was reported from Springleaf Nature Park, while an individual at the Eco Lake at Singapore Botanic Gardens was seen between 24 & 26 Dec 2023.



Female von Schrenck's Bittern found dead at Hougang Avenue 7 on 26 Nov 2023 (Looi Siew Yuen).

Others: a female Bittern was found dead and partially eaten on 26 Nov 2023 at Hougang Avenue 7 by Looi Siew Yuen. The carcass was subsequently collected by the NUS Avian Evolution Laboratory for research.

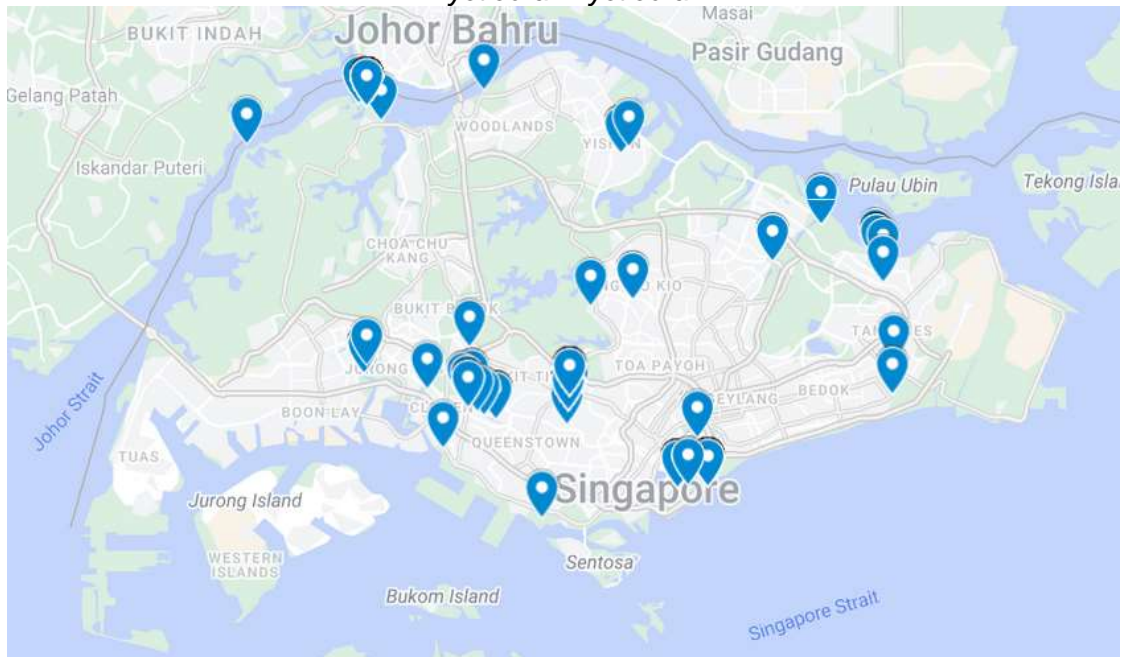
Yellow Bittern
Ixobrychus sinensis



Map showing sighting locations of the Yellow Bittern.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. A high count of at least seven birds were reported from Marina East Drive on 3 Dec 2023. Breeding recorded. Two adults and a juvenile were spotted on 21 Nov 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens.

Black-crowned Night-Heron
Nycticorax nycticorax



Map showing sighting locations of the Black-crowned Night-Heron.

A high count of 35 birds was noted from Eastwood Estate on 19 Aug 2023 as birds were seen roosting at this location. Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve presented itself as another location with high counts of between 11 to 31 birds between 5 Aug 2023 and 13 Dec 2023. Breeding reported. A large number of 23 birds, mostly subadults, were

seen on 13 Aug 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. Reports of adults with a number of juveniles were also reported from the Reserve between 6 Aug 2023 and 21 Nov 2023. A juvenile was recorded from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 30 Aug 2023 and 16 Sep 2023. Single juveniles were also reported from Marina East on 30 Sep 2023 and Jurong Lake Gardens on 3 Dec 2023.

Malayan Night-Heron

Gorsachius melanolophus

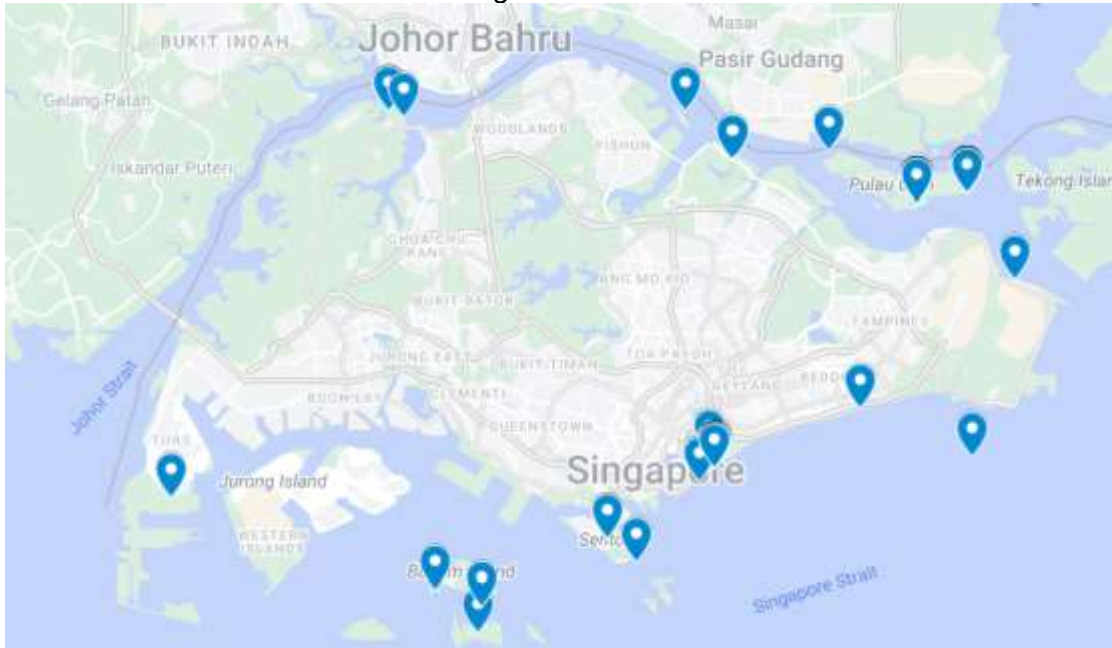


Malayan Night Heron at Kent Ridge Park on 12 Dec 2023 (Joseph Lim).

The first record for the season was of a single bird spotted on 4 Nov 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. The bird was spotted half-submerged in water near the wetland centre around noon. An adult was recorded from Jurong Lake Gardens on 26 & 28 Nov 2023. Another adult was seen at Kent Ridge Park from 9 to 10 Dec 2023; one observer noted that the bird flew in around 6:20pm and was still foraging when the observation party left the scene at 7pm. Other sighting records include one at the canal at Changi Business Park, a juvenile at Fort Siloso on 19 Dec 2023, and Pulau Ubin on 10 Dec 2023.

Pacific Reef-Heron

Egretta sacra



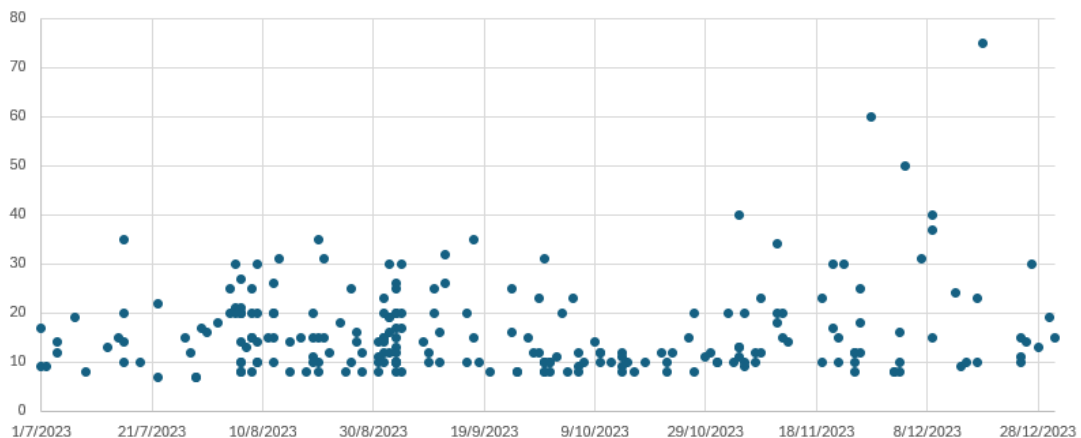
Map showing sighting locations of the Pacific Reef-Heron.

The highest count of four birds - three pale and one dark morph - was reported from around Marina Barrage between 29 Jul 2023 and 30 Nov 2023. Birds were also reported from Changi Bay Point (17 Sep 2023), Chek Jawa (between 1 Sep 2023 and 24 Dec 2023), Pulau Hantu (5 Aug 2023). Pulau Punggol (26 Nov 2023), Pulau Semakau (8 Jul 2023) and Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (between 8 Sep 2023 and 20 Dec 2023) , among other locations.

Little Egret

Egretta garzetta

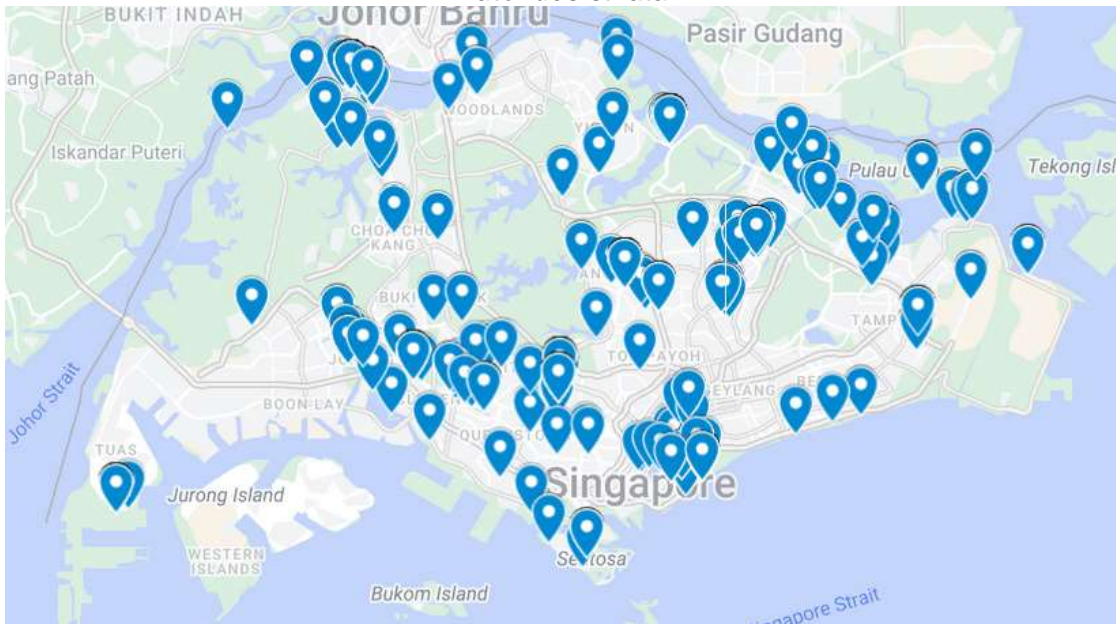
Little Egret - observation dates & numbers



Sizeable numbers continue to be seen in Jul 2023, with high counts of 35 on 16 Jul 2023 and 19 on 7 Jul 2023. High counts of 75 birds were recorded from Sungei Buloh on 18 Dec 2023, 60 from Neo Tiew Harvest Lane on 28 Nov 2023 and 50 from Seletar Dam on 4 Dec 2023.

Striated Heron

Butorides striata



Map showing sighting locations of the Striated Heron.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding reported. Two to three juveniles were reported from Marina East Drive on 20 Jul 2023 from among eight birds spotted.

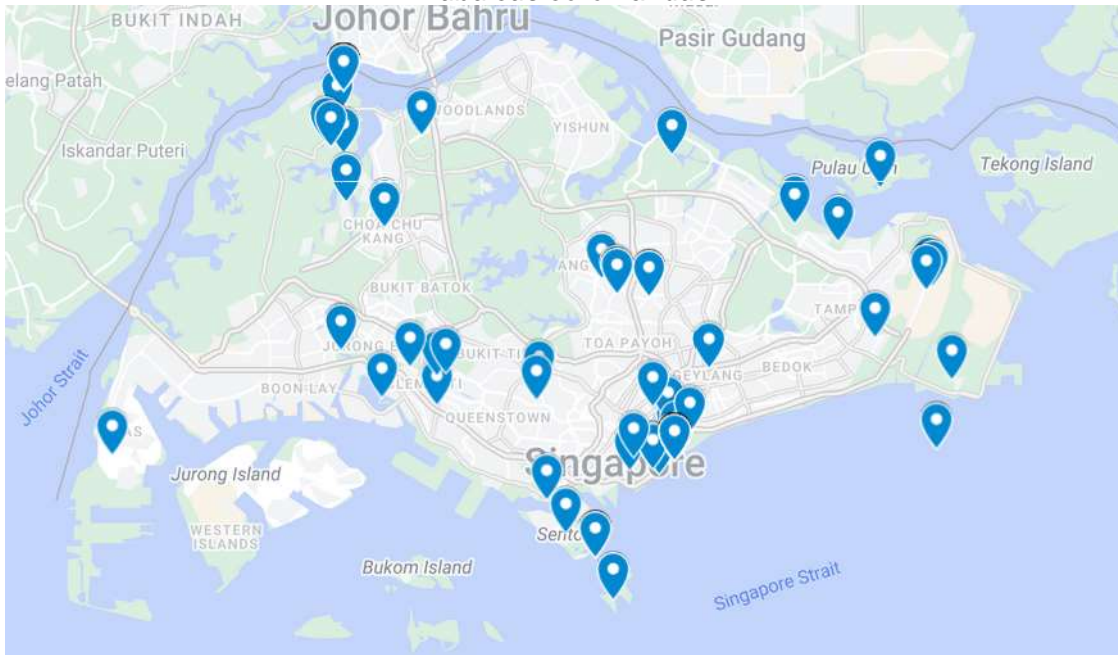
Chinese Pond-Heron

Ardeola bacchus

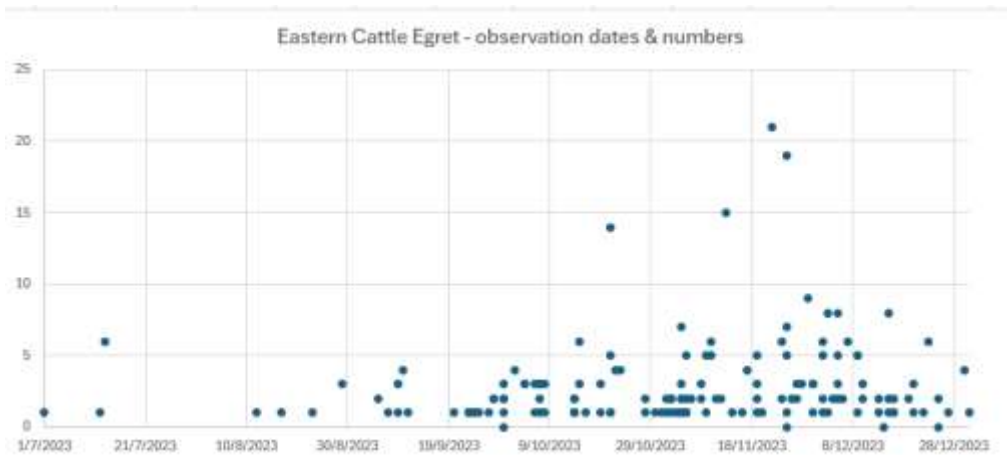
The first record for the season was reported from Marina East Drive on 25 Aug 2023.

Eastern Cattle Egret

Bubulcus coromandus

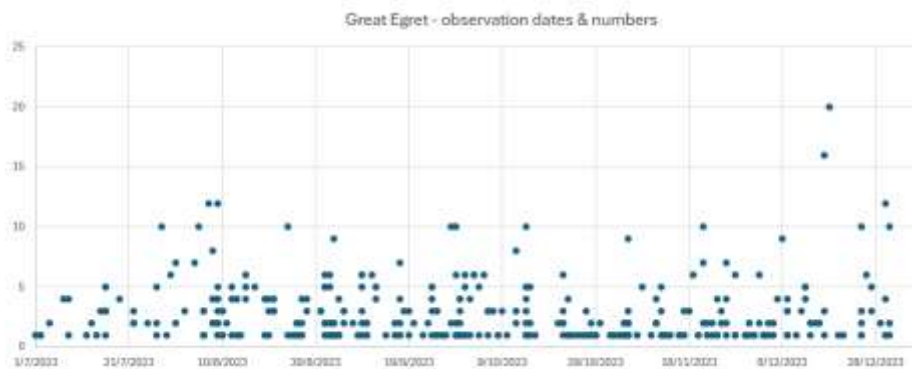


Map showing sighting locations of the Cattle Egret.



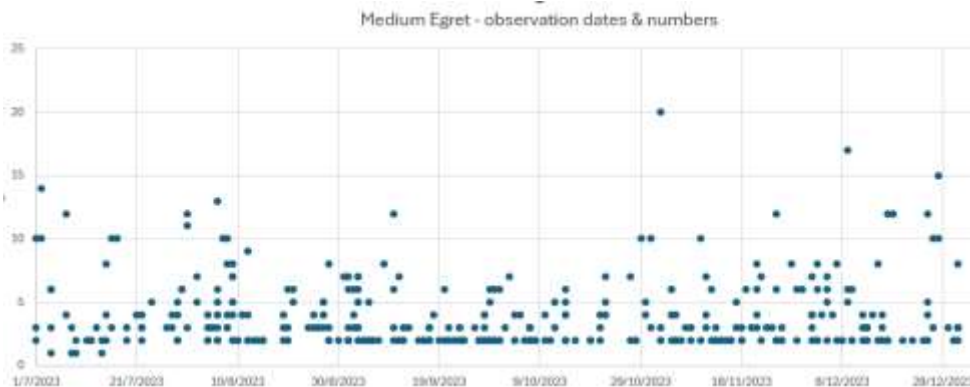
Birds were spotted in Changi Airport on 1 & 12 Jul 2023, while birds were also seen in Sungei Buloh, with six on 13 Jul 2023 and one on 12 Aug 2023. The highest count for the season was of twenty-one individuals in two flocks spotted on 22 Nov 2023 at Marina East Drive. A flock of 14 birds were also counted within Changi Airport on 21 Oct 2023.

Great Egret
Ardea alba



Individuals were seen throughout the year from 1 Jul 2023 onwards, mainly at and around Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, with small numbers encountered at Pulau Ubin, as well as coastal areas such as Marina East and Punggol Waterway Park. High counts of between 10 and 20 birds have been reported from Sungei Buloh.

Medium Egret
Ardea intermedia



A good number of birds continue to be seen from Jul 2023 onwards at places such as Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Marina East Drive, Gardens-by-the-Bay, Kranji Marsh, etc. Ten birds were counted along the northern reaches of the Rail Corridor on 2 Jul 2023, while between three to four birds continue to be seen along Marina East

Drive in Jul 2023. A high count of 20 birds was recorded from Lower Seletar Dam on 2 Nov 2023 while 17 were seen at Sungei Buloh on 9 Dec 2023. Over at Marina East Drive, the highest count recorded was 12 birds on 18 Dec 2023.

Grey Heron

Ardea cinerea



Map showing sighting locations of the Grey Heron.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. High counts of up to 77 birds have been reported from Pulau Ubin on 2 Sep 2023. Between 50 and 70 have also been reported from Pulau Seduku as there is a nesting colony reported on the outcrop of rocks. On the mainland, fifteen birds were spotted at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park on 11 Sep 2023 while 13 were seen at Sungei Buloh on 17 Dec 2023. Breeding recorded, with the large colony at Seduku mentioned earlier.

Purple Heron

Ardea purpurea



Map showing sighting locations of the Purple Heron.

subsequently seen in October, with an individual spotted on 24 Oct 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens; with more spotted from 28 Oct 2023 onwards.

Black-winged Kite

Elanus caeruleus

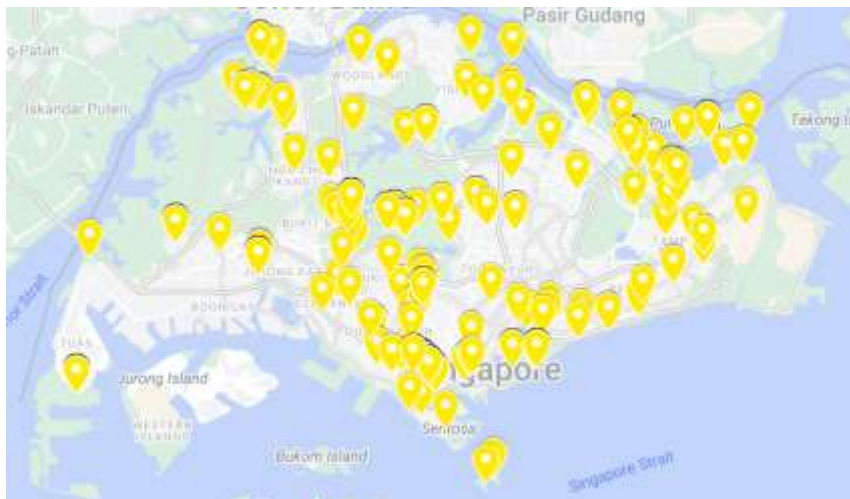
Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding recorded. The birds that bred at Gardens-by-the-Bay since Jun 2022, and had a successful brood of three chicks up till 30 Jun 2023, was reported to have only two juveniles by 5 Jul 2023. Individuals were seen across diverse places such as Changi Airport on 17 Jul 2023, Jalan Bahar on 4 Nov 2023, Kranji Marsh between 12 Oct 2023 and 23 Dec 2023, Pasir Ris Farmway between 25 Jul 2023 and 8 Dec 2023, Pulau Punggol on 26 Nov 2023, Pulau Tekong on 23 Aug 2023, Dawson on 18 Nov 2023, and Pinnacle@Duxton on 3 Oct 2023. Between one and four birds were spotted at Tuas South between 18 Nov 2023 and 31 Dec 2023, while up to three birds were seen at Neo Tiew Harvest Lane between 4-5 Nov 2023.

Oriental Honey-buzzard

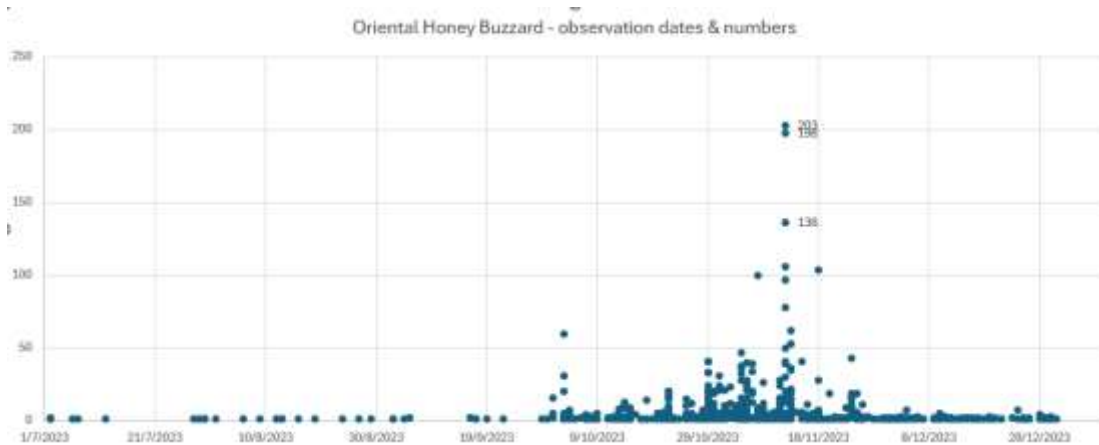
Pernis ptilorhynchus



Map showing sighting locations of the Oriental Honey-buzzard from Jul – Sep 2023.



Map showing sighting locations of the Oriental Honey-buzzard from onset of migration to end-Dec 2023.

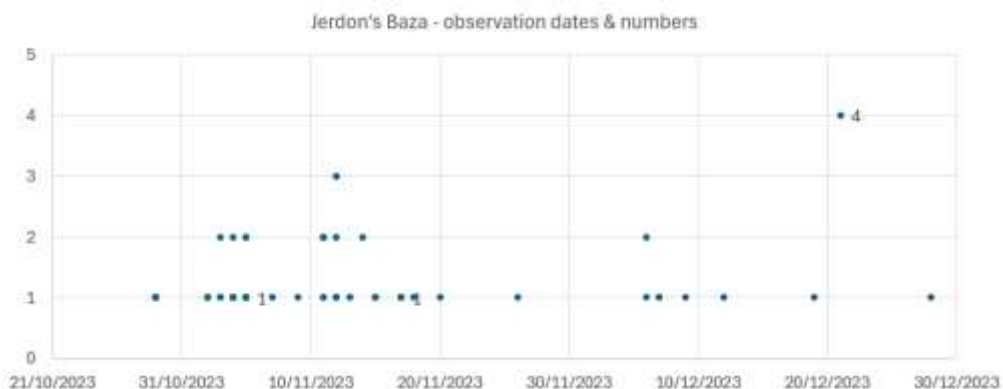


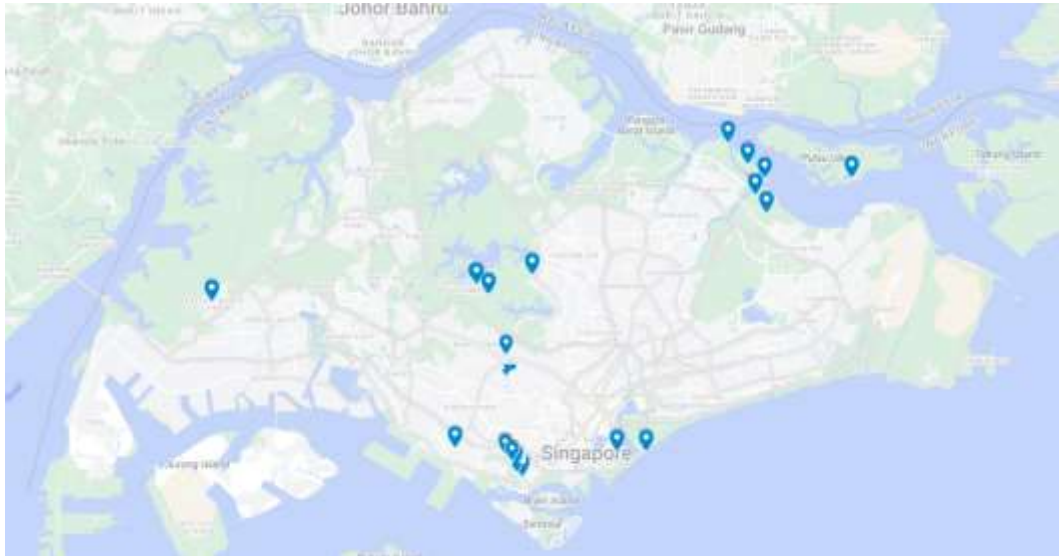
Individuals and pairs were reported between Jul and Sep 2023 across the island. It was only from 1 Oct 2023 onwards when sixteen birds were spotted at Mount Faber Park when we started having reports of more than two individuals over the country. Peak migration over Singapore was on 12 Nov 2023, when between 106 and 203 birds were counted during the course of the day.

Jerdon's Baza
Aviceda jerdoni



Jerdon's Baza at Mount Faber on 17 Nov 2023 (Herman Phua).





Map showing sighting locations of the Jerdon's Baza.

The first record for the season was an individual spotted on 29 Oct 2023 flying over Henderson Waves. A high count of four birds was recorded from Coney Island East on 21 Dec 2023. Three birds were seen on 12 Nov 2023 from Mount Faber Park between 4:01pm and 4:06pm. The best places to see this uncommon raptor are Henderson Waves-Mount Faber Park during the raptor migration season (from 29 Oct 2023 to 26 Nov 2023), as well as the area between Lorong Halus Wetland and Coney Island (12 Nov 2023 to 28 Dec 2023).

Black Baza

Aviceda leuphotes



Map showing sighting locations of the Black Baza.

The first record for the season came from two individuals spotted at different timings on 29 Oct 2023 from Henderson Waves. A high count of 49 was recorded on 31 Oct 2023 from Henderson Waves. Spotters who installed themselves at Henderson and Mount Faber counted an aggregated total of between 43 birds on 4 Nov 2023 and 35 birds on 10 Nov 2023. An observation on 2 Nov 2023 highlighted that birds were heading in a south easterly direction, and some Bazas were in mixed flocks together with sparrowhawks.

Himalayan Griffon

Gyps himalayensis

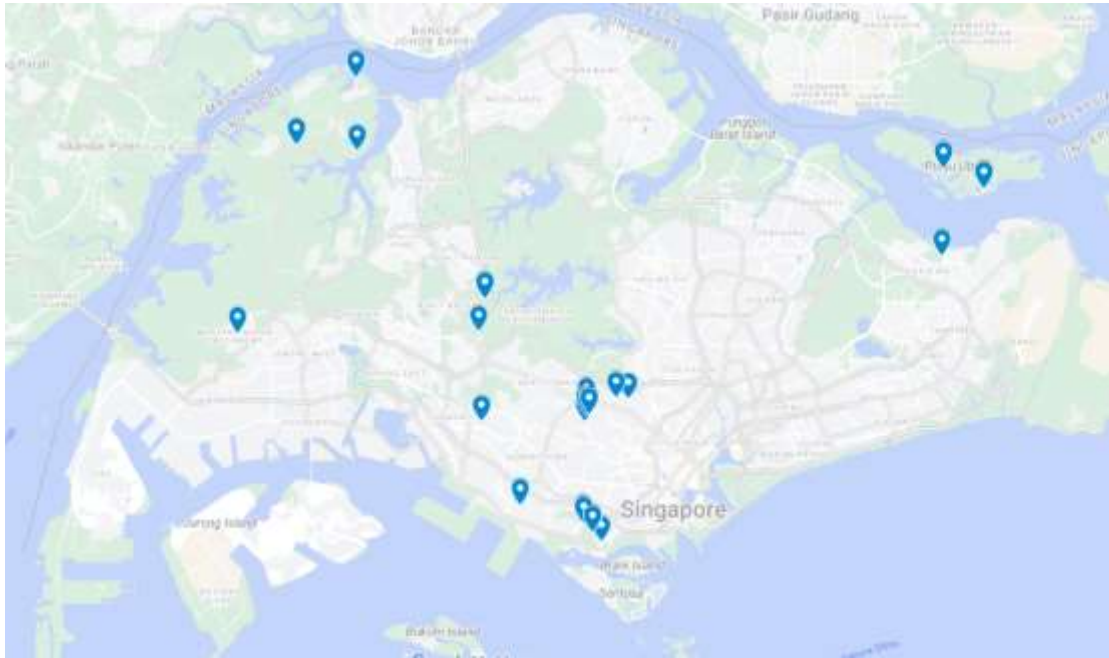
A single bird was seen on 24 Dec 2023 from Bukit Timah Summit. An observer noted that the bird came from the east, circled the summit for two minutes before heading westwards.

Crested Serpent-Eagle

Spilornis cheela



Crested Serpent Eagle at Healing Garden, Botanic Gardens on 5 Oct 2023 (Ho Siew Mun).



Map showing sighting locations of the Crested Serpent Eagle.

Sightings between Jul and Sep 2023 at the following locations suggest that these are likely to be of resident birds – Kranji Marsh-Neo Tiew Road (29 Jul 2023), Singapore Botanic Gardens (8 & 14 Aug 2023), Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (9 Aug 2023) and Goldhill Avenue/Malcolm Road (16 Sep 2023); these were of single birds. Sightings of single birds continued to be reported during the migration season at locations such as the Southern Ridges (Kent Ridge, Henderson Waves & Mount Faber), as well as Ulu Pandan, Hindhede Park, Nanyang Technological University, Pasir Ris Park and Pulau Ubin. A pair of birds were seen from Botanic Gardens, flying from a distance and calling on 2 & 7 Dec 2023; on the latter date, the pair was seen perched together for a period of time.

Short-toed Snake-Eagle

Circaetus gallicus



Short-toed Snake-Eagle at Mount Faber on 11 Nov 2023 (T Ramesh).

A single bird was seen along the Southern Ridges, mainly at Henderson Waves and Mount Faber between 4 and 13 Nov 2023.

Changeable Hawk-Eagle

Nisaetus cirrhatus



Map showing sighting locations of the Changeable Hawk Eagle.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. There were no breeding records reported during the second half of 2023.

Greater Spotted Eagle

Clanga clanga

The first record for the season was a bird spotted along the Southern Ridges on 29 Oct 2023, and the last record on eBird was on 12 Nov 2023. Most sightings were recorded from the two parks along the Ridges – Henderson Waves and Mount Faber. Other sightings were reported from Nanyang Technological University (2 & 4 Nov 2023), Spottiswoode Park Road (4 Nov 2023) and Tuas South (4 Nov 2023). High counts of four birds were recorded from Mount Faber on 1 Nov 2023, while three were seen from Spottiswoode Park on 4 Nov 2023. Two individuals were spotted on 1, 2, 3 & 10 Nov 2023.

Booted Eagle

Hieraaetus pennatus

A single bird was reported on 3 Nov 2023 from Mount Faber Park.

Grey-faced Buzzard

Butastur indicus

Up to eleven birds were seen from Henderson Waves on 29 Oct 2023. A single bird was reported from Southern Ridges on 30 Oct 2023 and 1 Nov 2023, while up to three birds were seen on 5 Nov 2023. A single individual was seen on Coney Island on 9 Dec 2023.

Eastern Marsh Harrier

Circus spilonotus



Eastern Marsh Harrier at Tuas South on 21 Dec 2023 (Lee Chin Pong).

The first record of the season was of an individual spotted at Changi Airport on the evening of 10 Nov 2023. Up to two birds were seen at Tuas South between 9 and 31 Dec 2023.

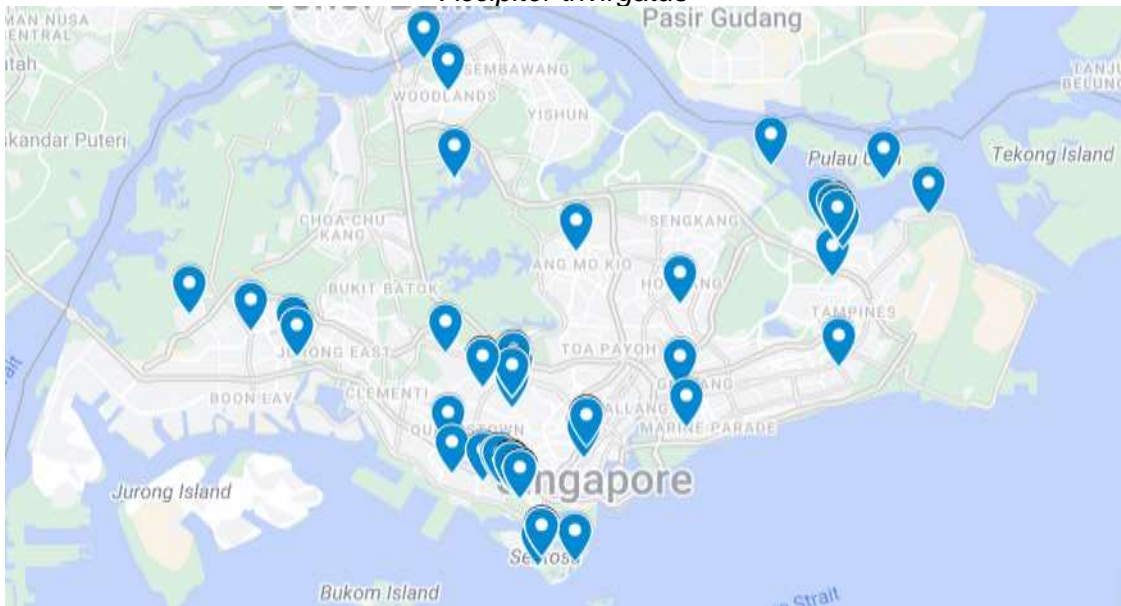
Pied Harrier
Circus melanoleucos



Pied Harrier at Tuas South on 31 Dec 2023 (Lee Chin Pong).

The first record for the season was a single bird seen from Henderson Waves on 31 Oct 2023. An individual was also spotted from Nanyang Technological University on 2 Nov 2023. Up to two birds, a male in full colours and a female, were seen at Tuas between 15 and 31 Dec 2023.

Crested Goshawk
Accipiter trivirgatus



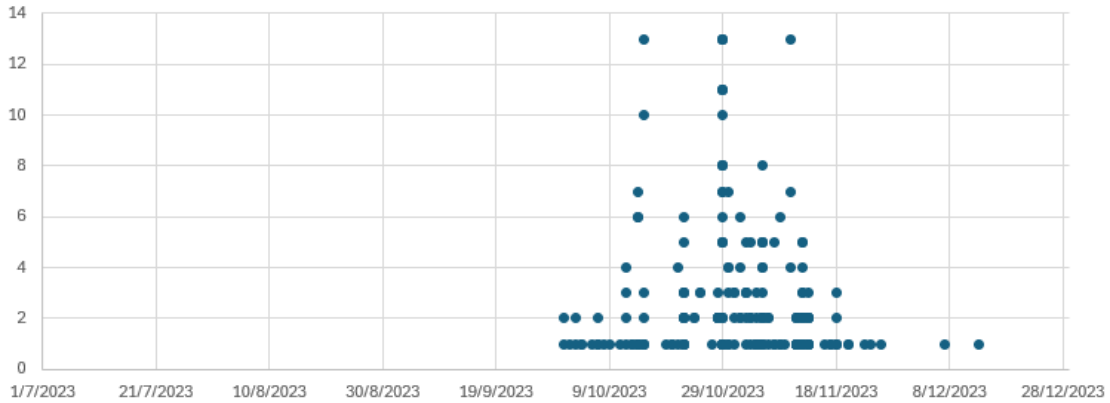
Maps showing sighting locations of Crested Goshawk.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Widespread across urban and suburban areas; sightings include records of single birds at Bedok Close on 31 Oct 2023, Changi Village on 23 Nov 2023, Clarke Quay on 29 Dec 2023, Geylang East Central on 16 Oct 2023, and Lorong Ah Soo and Mountbatten on 14 Nov 2023. Three

birds were spotted at Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West on 1 Sep 2023. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was spotted flying along Boon Lay Drive.

Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis*

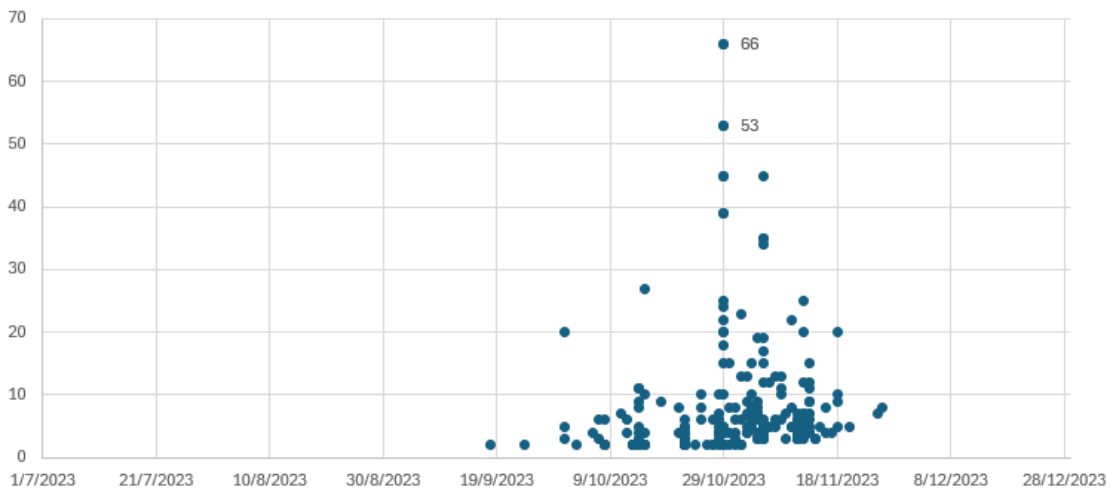
Chinese Goshawk - observation numbers & dates



The first record for the season was a sighting of two birds on 1 Oct 2023 at Mount Faber Park. A high count of 13 individuals was reported on 15 & 29 Oct 2023 and 10 Nov 2023. An observer noted that birds, mostly single individuals, were encountered between 9:29am and 1:00pm. Four were spotted at 12:14pm and three were seen at 12:53pm. A female regularly seen at Ang Mo Kio Garden West since 2018 was not reported in eBird last year.

Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis*

Japanese Sparrowhawk - observation numbers & dates





Japanese Sparrowhawk at Jurong Lake Gardens on 2 Dec 2023 (Geoff Lim).

The first record for the season was of a single bird spotted on 16 Sep 2023 from Jelutong Tower. Migration began to peak by 1 Oct 2023, when 20 were seen from Mount Faber Park. A high count of 66 birds was reported on 29 Oct 2023 from Henderson Waves. Mostly single birds trickled over the viewing point along the Southern Ridges from 8:17am onwards, with high counts of five birds at 11:24am, seven at 11:34am, four at 12 noon and six at 12:16pm. On 5 Nov 2023, a total of 35 were seen from the same vantage point, with counts of mostly single or two birds from 9:13am onwards, peaking at 10:13am with six birds and 10:26am with five individuals.

Black Kite

Milvus migrans

The first record for the season was of an individual seen on 13 Oct 2023 flying overhead near the old Japanese Garden. Mostly single birds were seen flying over various locations such as over Jelutong Tower in the Central Catchment on 29 Oct 2023, Henderson Waves between 24 Oct 2023 and 16 Nov 2023, Kent Ridge Park on 3 Nov 2023, Mount Faber Park from 8 Nov 2023 to 13 Nov 2023, Chek Jawa on 28 Oct 2023, Tampines Eco Green on 6 Nov 2023, and Tuas South on 22 Oct 2023.

Brahminy Kite

Haliastur indus

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding reported. A single juvenile was seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 31 Jul 2023, 10 Aug 2023, 5 Sep 2023 and 23 Oct 2023. Another juvenile in the company of at least one adult was spotted around Marina East and Tanjong Rhu on 7 and 30 Oct 2023, while single juveniles were also seen on the grounds of Mandai Zoo on 21 Oct 2023 and at Lorong Halus Wetland on 3 Dec 2023. A large group of eight Kites were seen at Pulau Ubin; four of which were juveniles.

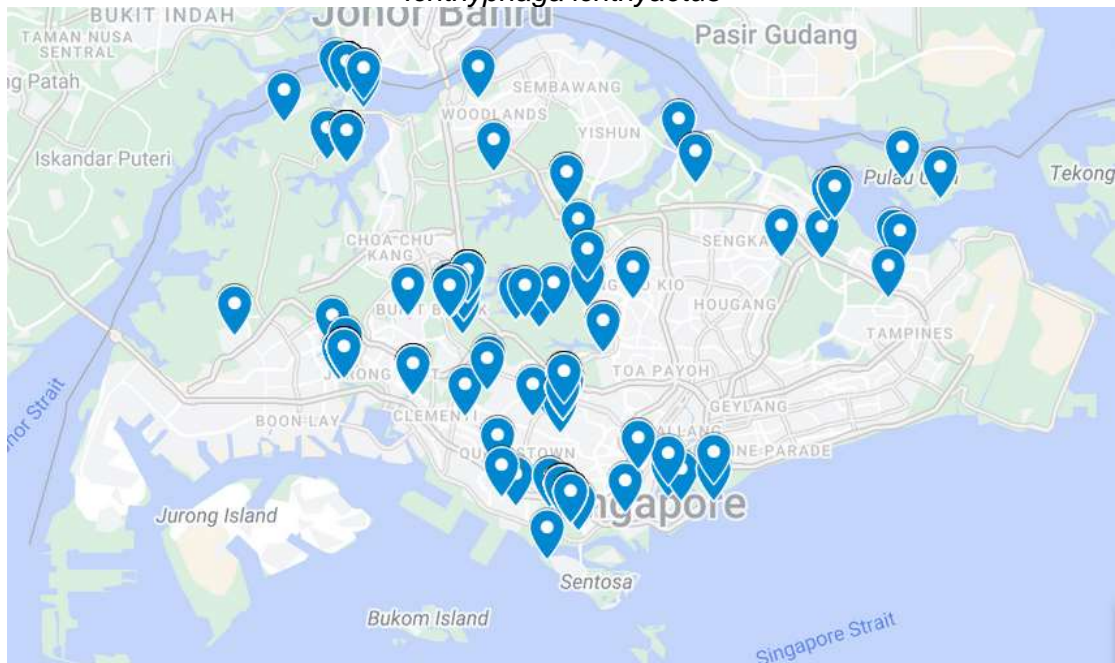
White-bellied Sea-Eagle

Haliaeetus leucogaster

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding recorded. Two birds were seen building a nest at Sungei Buloh on 5 Nov 2023. Two birds were seen mating at Upper East Coast Road on 3 Dec 2023. Single juveniles were seen at Changi Business Park on 5 Aug 2023, Pasir Ris Park on 8 Aug 2023, Marina East Drive on 21 and 26 Sept 2023, at Jurong Lake Gardens on 28 Oct 2023, and at Tuas South on 15 Dec 2023. Juveniles with adults were also seen on 22 Jul 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens, Chek Jawa on 14 Aug 2023, and on 13 Nov 2023 at Mount Faber Park.

Grey-headed Fish-Eagle

Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus



Map showing sighting locations of Grey-headed Fish-Eagle.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. A pair was seen mating at Dairy Farm Nature Park on 1 Oct 2023.

Common Buzzard

Buteo buteo

The first record for the season was a single bird spotted on 29 Oct 2023 at Henderson Waves. Another individual was seen on 30 Oct 2023 at Henderson Waves/Mount Faber, while another single bird was reported from Tuas South on the same day. A single bird was seen flying southwards over Serapong on Sentosa on 4 Nov 2023, while another individual was seen flying over Henderson Waves on the same day.

Barn Owl

Tyto alba

Individual birds were spotted at various locations.

- An individual flew over near the ferry terminal at Pulau Tekong on 11 Aug 2023;
- A single bird was seen flying over grassland at Tuas View Drive on 26 Aug 2023;

- On 5 Nov 2023, an observer saw a bird before dawn at Marina East;
- An individual was seen roosting in a private property at Yio Chu Kang on 22 Nov 2023;
- A bird was seen at the Float at Marina Bay on 15 Dec 2023;
- A single bird was chased by crows at Tuas South Road on 24 Dec 2023.

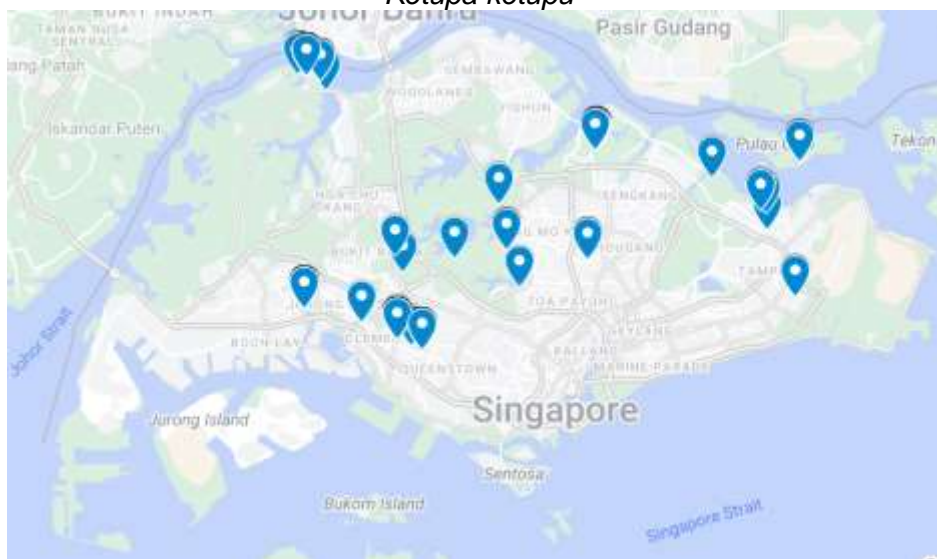
Sunda Scops-Owl

Otus lempiji

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Besides the Central Catchment Nature Reserve and adjacent buffer parks, birds were also encountered at Botanic Gardens, Jurong Lake Gardens, Kranji Marsh, Pasir Ris Park and Sungei Buloh. An observer also reported three birds were heard and later seen flying over the path near the super-trees at Gardens-by-the-Bay on 15 Aug 2023.

Buffy Fish-Owl

Ketupa ketupu



Map showing sighting locations of Buffy Fish Owl.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding has been recorded. Nests were reported at Dover Forest (1 Aug 2023 to 19 Oct 2023) and Hampstead Wetlands Park (18 Nov 2023 to 31 Dec 2023), and a juvenile with an adult at Sungei Buloh (1 Sep 2023 to 5 Oct 2023).

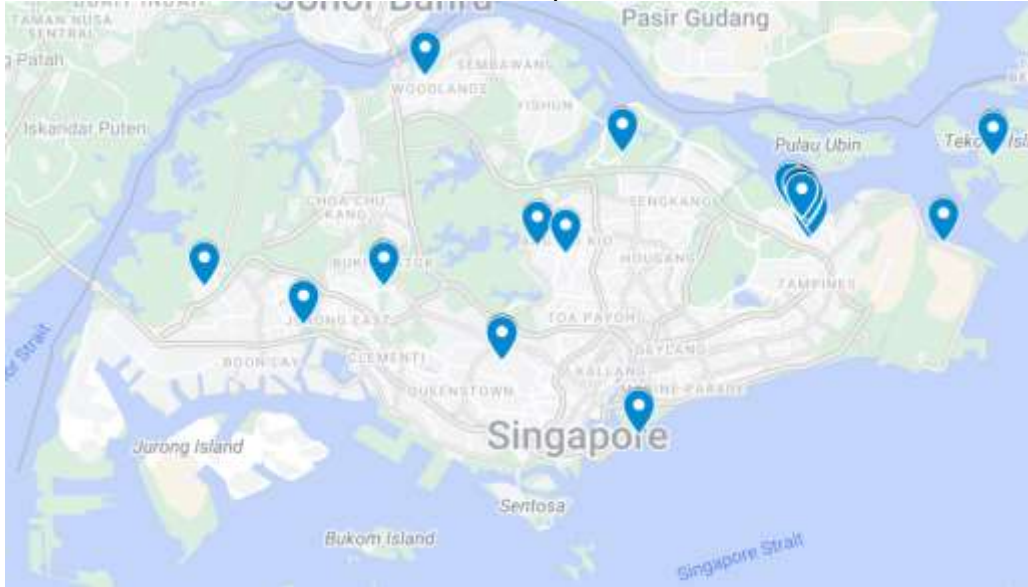
Barred Eagle-Owl

Ketupa sumatranus

Birds were reported from two locations; one was within the Central Catchment (16 Sep 2023 to 22 Dec 2023) while another was near Jalan Asas at Dairy Farm Nature Park (16 Jul 2023 and 25 Oct 2023). Breeding recorded. A juvenile was heard around Dillenia Hut in the Central Catchment between 16 Sep 2023 and 24 Nov 2023.

Spotted Wood-Owl

Strix seloputo



Map showing sighting locations of Spotted Wood Owl.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding reported. A juvenile and adult were seen on 5 Sep 2023 at Nanyang Technological University, while another juvenile and a pair of adults were spotted at Pasir Ris Park on 2 Dec 2023.

Brown Hawk-Owl

Ninox scutulata

Birds were heard or seen within and around the Central Catchment throughout the year. No breeding recorded.

Northern Boobook

Ninox japonica

An injured bird was recovered on 27 Nov 2023 from Tuas South.

White-crowned Hornbill

Berenicornis comatus

The single female seen from 16 Apr 2023 to 16 Jun 2023 along Chek Jawa boardwalk and near the Chek Jawa visitor centre was spotted at the same location on 3 Sep 2023.

Oriental Pied-Hornbill
Anthracoceros albirostris



Map showing sighting locations of Oriental Pied Hornbill.



Oriental Pied Hornbills inspecting a potential nest hole at Jurong Lake Gardens on 2 Dec 2023 (Geoff Lim).

An estimated count of about 30 birds was reported by an observer on 15 Oct 2023, who observed the flock flying over the Living Lab. Another count of 25 birds was recorded from Farrer Road on 7 Dec 2023. Breeding recorded. A male was seen passing food to an enclosed female at Botanic Gardens on 2 Sep 2023 while another pair was seen nesting at Jurong Lake Gardens on 20 Oct 2023.

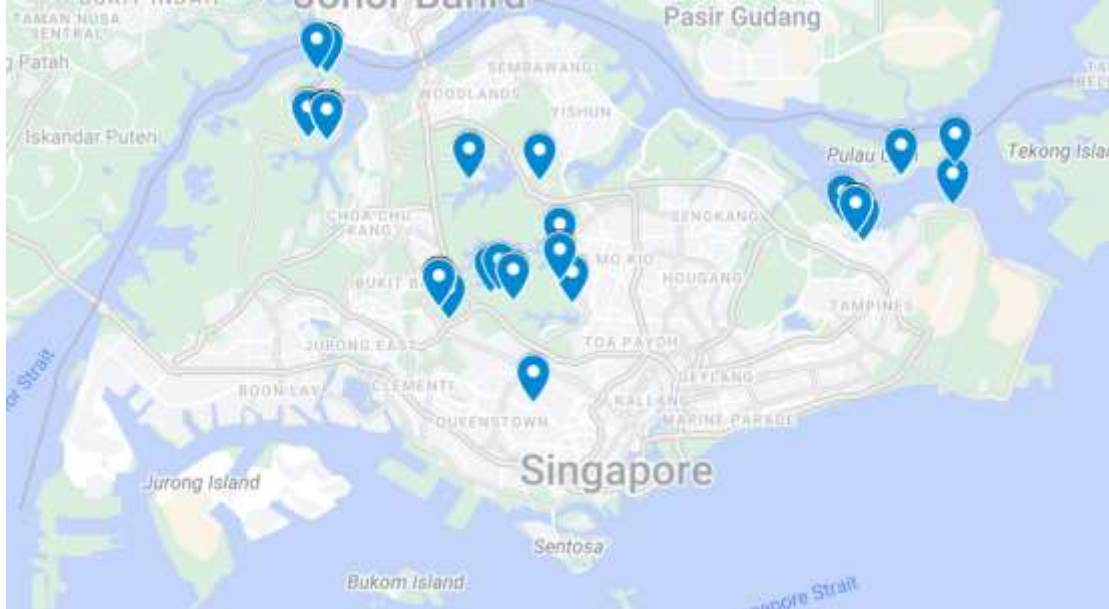
Common Kingfisher

Alcedo atthis

The first record for the season was of an individual seen at Marina East Drive on 26 Aug 2023.

Blue-eared Kingfisher

Alcedo meninting



Map showing sighting locations of Blue-eared Kingfisher.

Birds continue to be found within the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks, Kranji Marsh, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserves and Pulau Ubin. An individual was seen at Pasir Ris Park for the first half of Dec 2023.

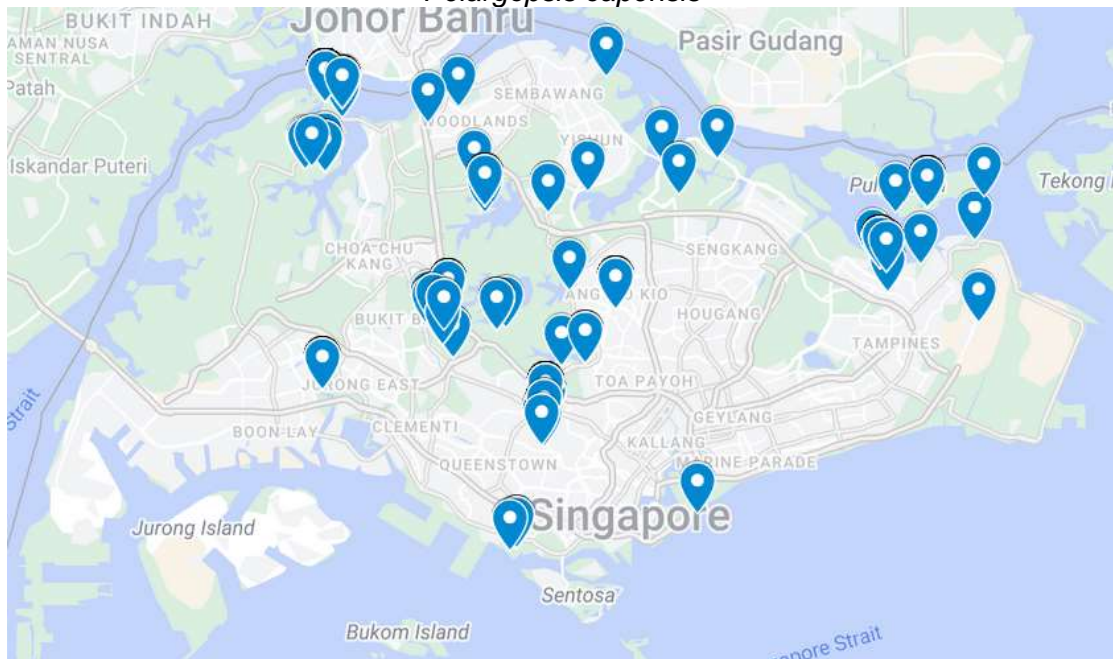
Black-backed Dwarf-Kingfisher

Ceyx erithaca

The first record came from a sighting at Windsor Nature Park on 23 Oct 2023. Single birds reported from Central Catchment on 24 Oct 2023, Dairy Farm Nature Park on 5 Nov 2023 and Jurong Lake Gardens on 18 Nov 2023. An individual was reported from Windsor Nature Park between 23 Oct 2023 and 1 Nov 2023. An observer reported about two groups of birders seeing two birds simultaneously, suggesting that there may be more than one at Windsor.

Stork-billed Kingfisher

Pelargopsis capensis



Map showing sighting locations of Stork-billed Kingfisher.

A high count of four birds was reported at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 30 Jul 2023, 10 Sep 2023 and 14 Oct 2023, as well as at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 18 & 24 Nov 2023.

Ruddy Kingfisher

Halcyon coromanda

A single bird was reported from Kranji Marsh on 1 Sep 2023.

White-throated Kingfisher

Halcyon smyrnensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. No breeding was reported in eBird.

Black-capped Kingfisher

Halcyon pileata

A single bird was seen around Jalan Wat Siam, Pulau Ubin, between 6 Nov 2023 and 21 Dec 2023.

Collared Kingfisher

Todiramphus chloris

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. No breeding was reported in eBird.

Blue-throated Bee-eater

Merops viridis

Birds were present from 1 Jul 2023 to 31 Dec 2023. A flock of 540 birds was reported to be roosting at Eng Kong Place on 15 Nov 2023.

Blue-tailed Bee-eater

Merops philippinus

Three birds were seen on 5 Sep 2023 at Diary Farm Nature Park. Birds were seen thereafter until 31 Dec 2023.

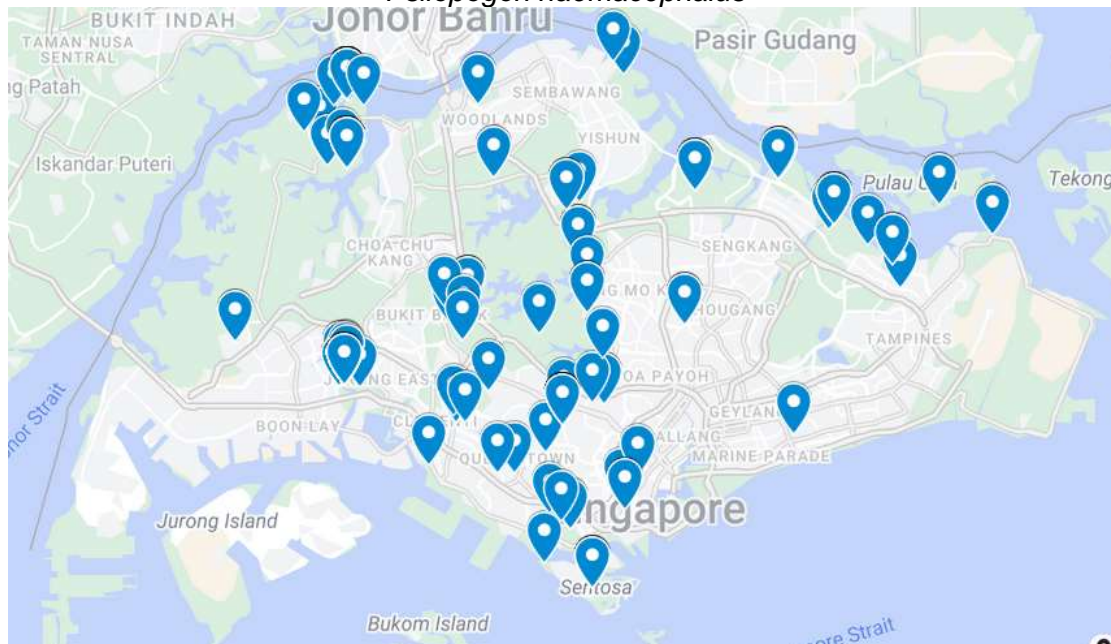
Dollarbird

Eurystomus orientalis

Birds were present from 1 Jul 2023 to 31 Dec 2023. High counts were reported outside the migration season; for example, five were seen from Bukit Timah Nature Reserve on 3 Jul 2023, five were seen on 15 Aug 2023 at Botanic Garden's Gallop Extension, six were spotted on 10 Sep 2023 from Sentosa Island, while another six were counted on 12 Nov 2023 from Mount Faber.

Coppersmith Barbet

Psilopogon haemacephalus

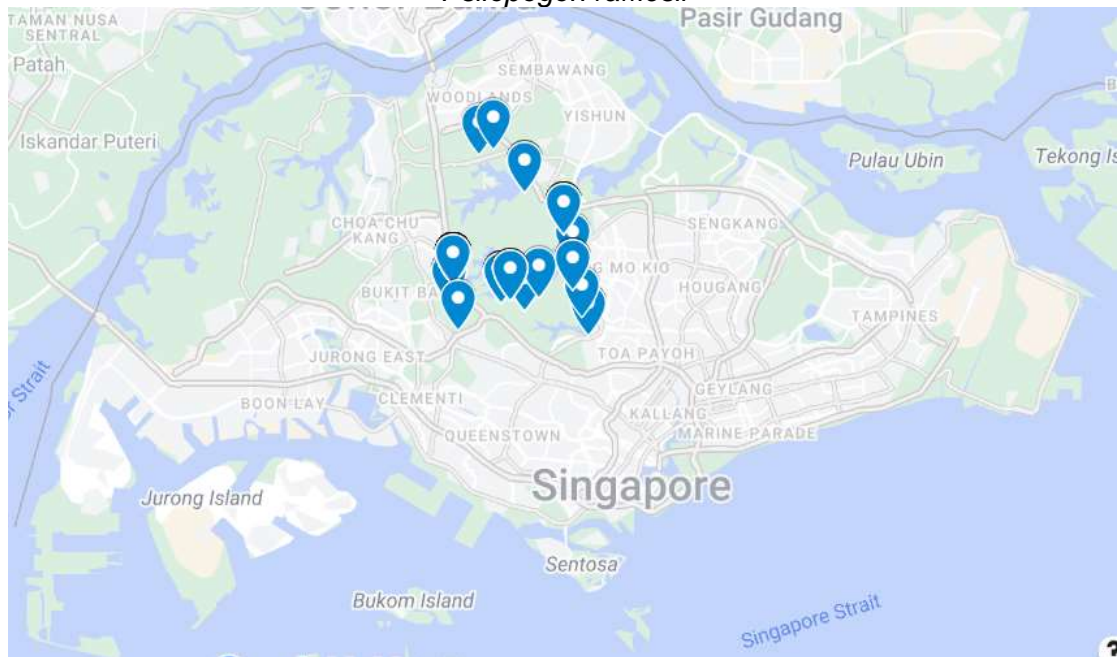


Map showing sighting locations of the Coppersmith Barbet.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding recorded. Up to three juveniles were seen on 22 & 30 Jul 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens.

Red-crowned Barbet

Psilopogon rafflesii

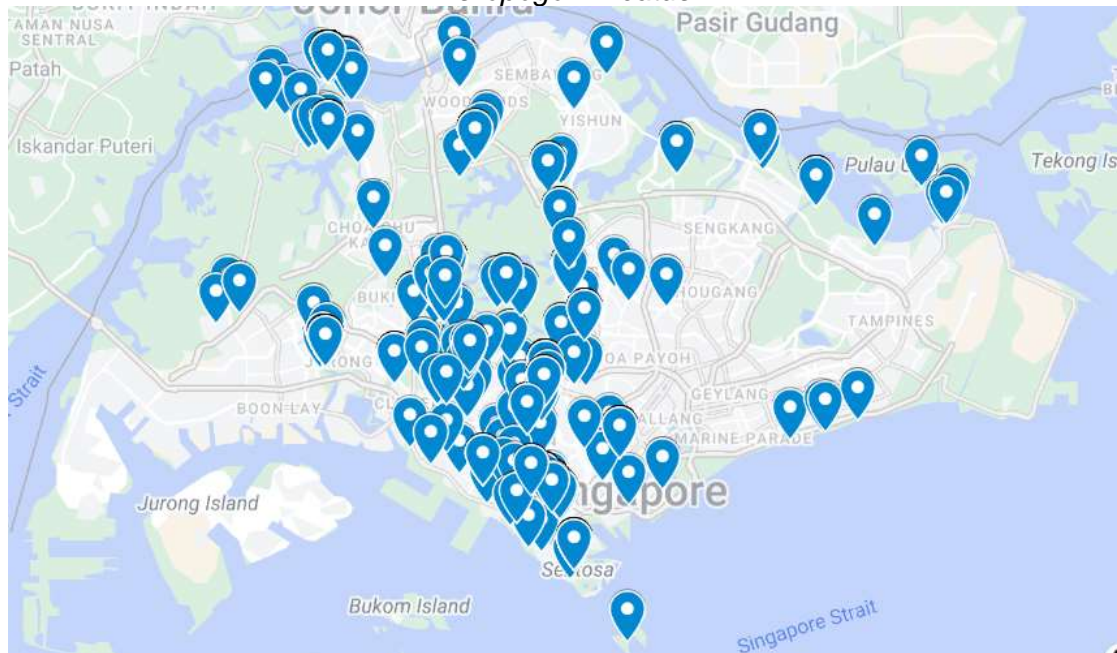


Map showing sighting locations of the Red-crowned Barbet.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year from the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks.

Lineated Barbet

Psilopogon lineatus



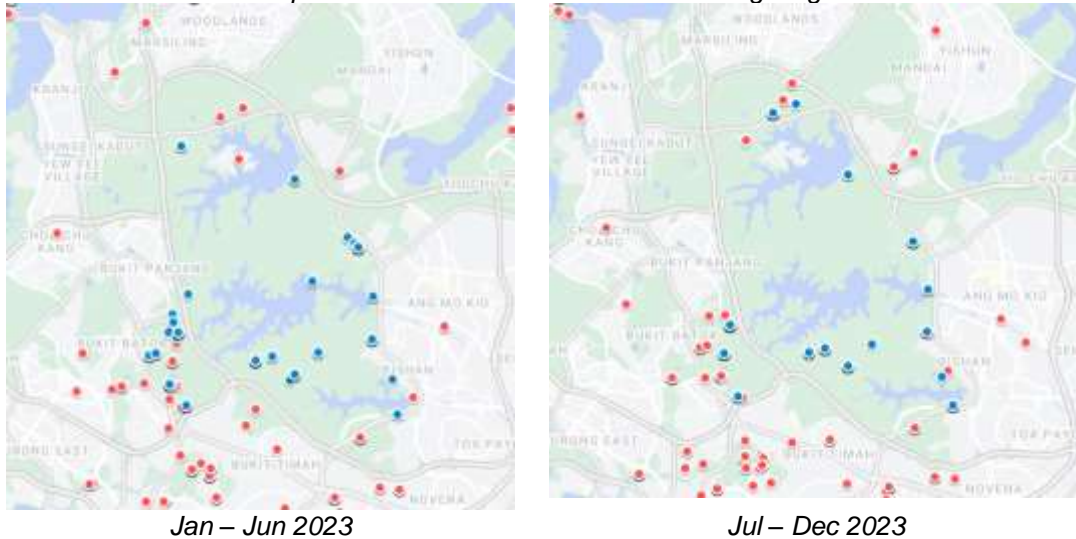
Map showing sighting locations of the Lineated Barbet.

A single bird was reported from St John's Island on 8 Nov 2023, illustrating the remarkable spread of this species. Breeding recorded. A pair was seen mating on 5 Nov 2023 in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserves.

Are Lineated Barbets displacing Red-crowned Barbets?

The introduced Lineated Barbet has adapted well in Singapore and has radiated far and wide across the island. It is therefore natural to ask whether the species is colonising habitats used by our native Red-crowned Barbet. Based on eBird data, it appears that Lineated Barbets have not encroached into the Central Catchment core areas as they prefer forest edges and are tolerant of human disturbance (see Krishnan 2023 and Wong, 2014). However, longer term monitoring is needed to see if the Red-crowned Barbet is under threat from displacement by the Lineated Barbet.

Map of Lineated & Red-crowned Barbet sightings



Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker

Yungipicus moluccensis

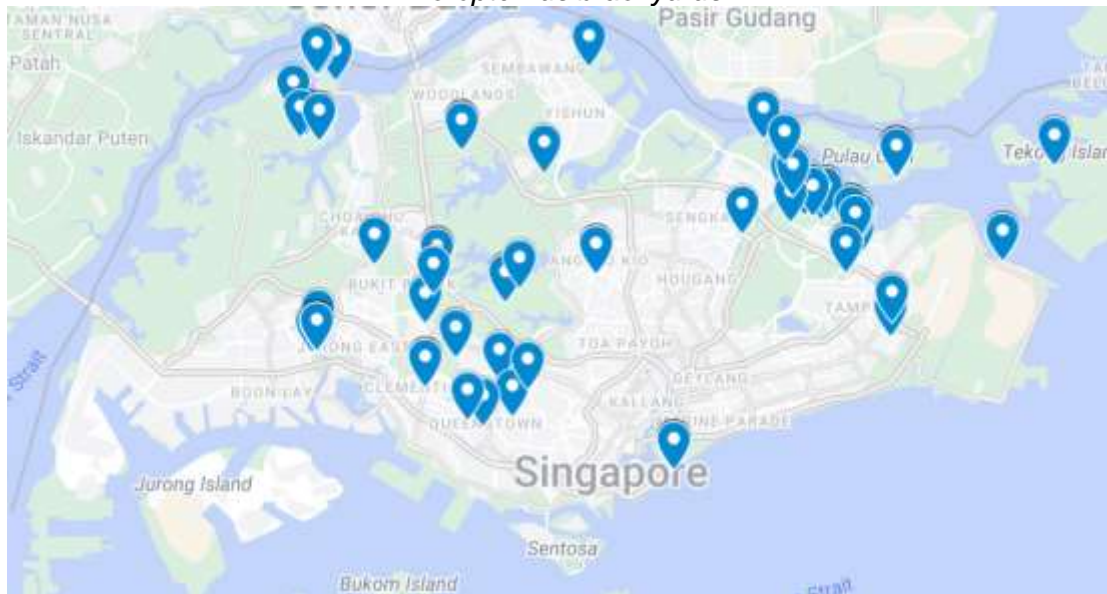


Map showing sighting locations of the Sunda Pygmy Woodpecker.

Often known among birders as the “HDB carpark woodpecker”, this bird was widely reported across the island. Breeding recorded. A group of juveniles were seen along Marina South Promenade on 5 Jul 2023, while an adult and a juvenile were seen on 19 Jul 2023 at the grounds of the Engineering Faculty of the National University of Singapore.

Rufous Woodpecker

Micropternus brachyurus



Map showing sighting locations of the Rufous Woodpecker.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding recorded. A family of two adults and two juveniles were seen feeding together on 25 Jul 2023 at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park.

Common Flameback

Dinopium javanense



Map showing sighting locations of the Common Flameback.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding recorded. An adult was seen feeding a juvenile on 2 Sep 2023 at Kranji Marsh while an immature bird was seen on 31 Jul 2023 along the Ulu Pandan Park Connector.

Laced Woodpecker

Picus vittatus

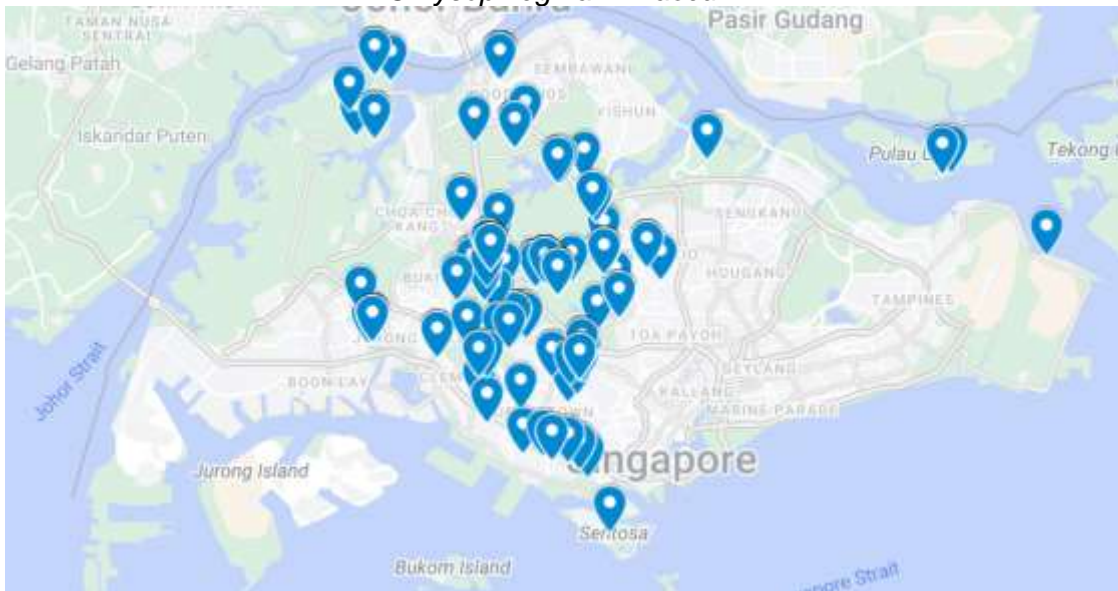


Map showing sighting locations of the Laced Woodpecker.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Breeding recorded. Two adults and a young male were seen on 3 Aug 2023 along the Ulu Pandan Park Connector.

Banded Woodpecker

Chrysophlegma miniaceum



Map showing sighting locations of the Banded Woodpecker.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. A single bird was seen collecting nest material on 14 Oct 2023 at Dairy Farm Nature Park, while another single bird was seen spending a fair amount of time checking a cavity in a tree at the same park on 21 Dec 2023.

Great Slaty Woodpecker
Mulleripicus pulverulentus



Great Slaty Woodpecker interacting with Common Hill Myna at Ulu Sembawang on 23 Aug 2023 (Andy Lee).

A single female was seen intermittently from a park connector along Jalan Ulu Sembawang from 31 Jul 2023 to 4 Dec 2023.

Black-thighed Falconet *Microhierax fringillarius*

A single bird was reported from Punggol Promenade Nature Walk on 28 Jul 2023. The next day, a single bird was reported from Pasir Ris Farmway 1. Between 28 and 31 Dec 2023, an individual was seen along Punggol Seventeenth Avenue.

Eurasian Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus*

The first record for this season was a single bird spotted on the morning of 28 Oct 2023 from Mount Faber Park. An individual was subsequently spotted at Tuas South on 25 & 26 Dec 2023.

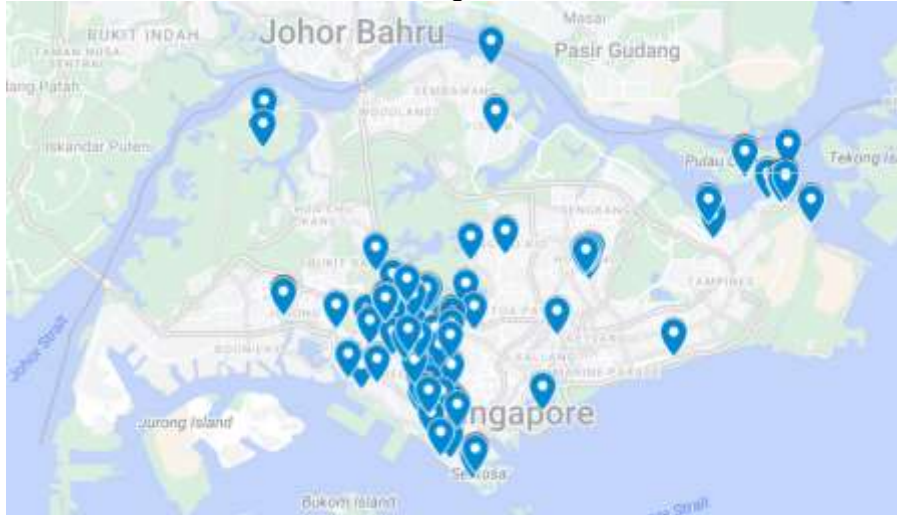
Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus*



Map showing sighting locations of the Peregrine Falcon.

A single bird was spotted from Pulau Ubin on 14 Aug 2023 and 3 Sep 2023. As we have resident subspecies, it is unclear whether these sightings were from the sedentary population. Reports from the Southern Ridges and southern islands began in earnest from 1 Oct 2023 onwards. However, it was only from 22 Oct 2023 onwards that more sighting records were submitted, possibly as the annual raptor watch season commenced.

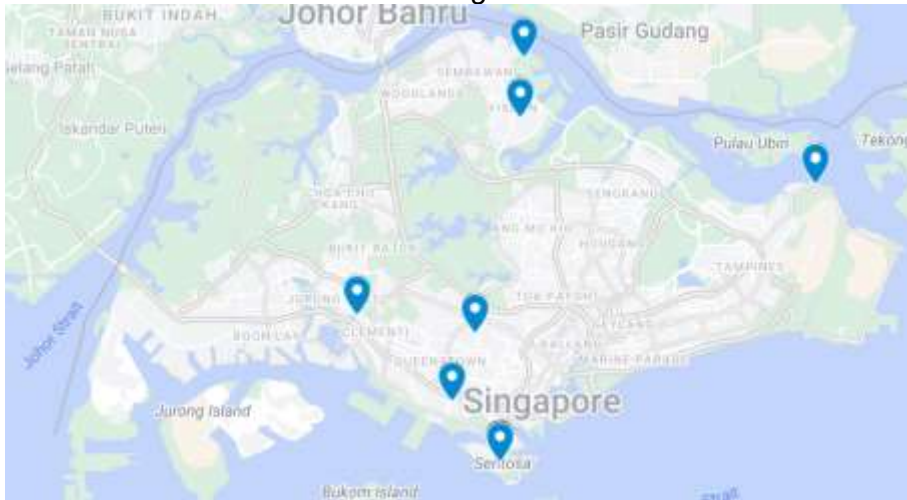
Tanimbar Corella
Cacatua goffiniana



Map showing sighting locations of the Tanimbar Corella.

Birds were seen through the second half of the year. Three birds were seen investigating tree holes at Changi Village on 6 Nov 2023. A Tanimbar Corella x Yellow-crested Cockatoo hybrid was seen on 26 Aug 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens.

Sulphur-crested Cockatoo
Cacatua galerita

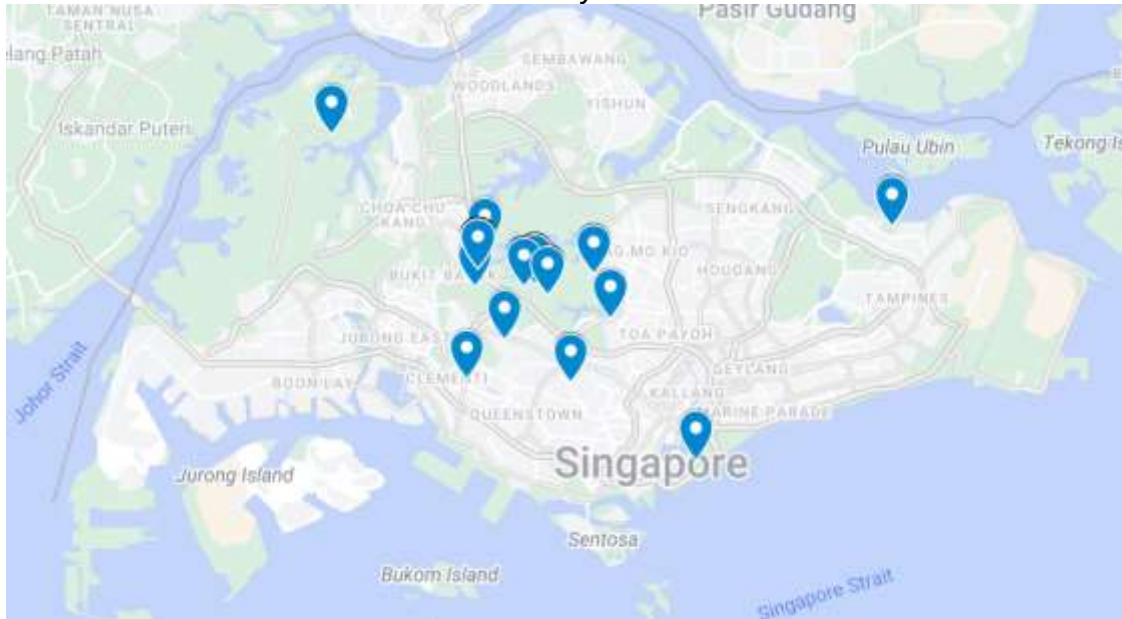


Map showing sighting locations of the Sulphur-crested Cockatoo.

Up to four birds have been recorded from Sentosa between 8 Sep 2023 and 4 Nov 2023. Two birds have been recorded from Changi Beach (8 Sep 2023), Singapore Botanic Gardens (2 Jul 2023) and Ulu Pandan Park Connector (25 Jul 2023), while single birds were found along the Simpang Kiri Park Connector (2 Sep 2023), Southern Ridges (3 Dec 2023) and Yishun Pond (14 Nov 2023).

Blue-rumped Parrot

Psittinus cyanurus



Map showing sighting locations of the Blue-rumped Parrot.

Sightings were clustered around the Central Catchment and adjoining buffer parks. There were two reports of birds visiting the Singapore Botanic Gardens; one was seen on 20 Sep 2023 while two birds were recorded on 22 Sep 2023. Other sighting records individuals at Bukit Timah on 1 Dec 2023, Kranji on 12 Aug 2023, Satay-by-the-Bay on 24 Oct 2023, Pasir Ris Park on 19 Oct 2023 and 29 Dec 2023.

Rose-ringed Parakeet

Psittacula krameri



Map showing sighting locations of the Rose-ringed Parakeet.

A hundred were reported from Chuan Lane Park on the evening of 21 Sep 2023, involving five flocks. The observer from the same location reported 55 birds in two flocks on the evening of 18 Oct 2023. And 43 on 31 Oct 2023. An observer at near Block 109, Hougang Avenue 1 reported seeing five to eight flocks on 6 Oct 2023; the birds totalled about 40. The Gardens-by-the-Bay, Satay-by-the-Bay and Marina East area also reported high counts of up to 30 birds during this period. A high count of 25 birds was reported on 1 Aug 2023 from *The Blossomvale*, a condominium along Bukit

Timah Road near Rifle Range Road. This shows a very high number of these highly invasive birds across a wide swathe across Singapore.

Red-breasted Parakeet

Psittacula alexandri



Map showing sighting locations of the Red-breasted Parakeet.

Between 4-500 birds were seen at Choa Chu Kang Central on 9 & 10 Sep 2023. Other locations with high counts include Ulu Pandan Park Connector (80 on 16 Nov 2023), Yishun Neighbourhood Park (50 on 16 Nov 2023), Coney Island (50 on 5 Sep 2023), NTU (50 on 25 Sep 2023) and Pulau Ubin (50 on 15 Oct 2023).

Long-tailed Parakeet

Psittacula longicauda



Map showing sighting locations of the Long-tailed Parakeet.

Very high counts of between 800 and 1,200 birds were reported from Choa Chu Kang Central on 9 & 10 Sep 2023. High counts were also seen elsewhere. On 31 Oct 2023, an observer saw two very large flocks totalling about 180 birds flying from the south towards the north in the direction of the Central Catchment. A flock comprising an estimated number of 150 was reported from Pulau Tekong on 19 Jul 2023, while about 100 birds were reported from NTU (25 Sep 2023) and Rifle Range Link (27 Oct 2023 and 3 Nov 2023).

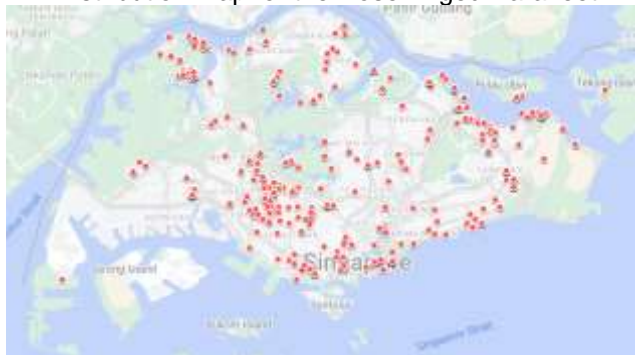
Comparing the three Parakeet species



Map showing sighting records of Rose-ringed Parakeet (blue dots), Red-breasted Parakeet (red dots) and Long-tailed Parakeet (green dots).



Distribution map for the Rose-ringed Parakeet.



Distribution map for the Red-breasted Parakeet.



Distribution map for the Long-tailed Parakeet.

The three distribution maps show that there is a considerable amount of overlap between the three species. More research is needed to determine if there is niche segregation or any other differentiation between the three species.

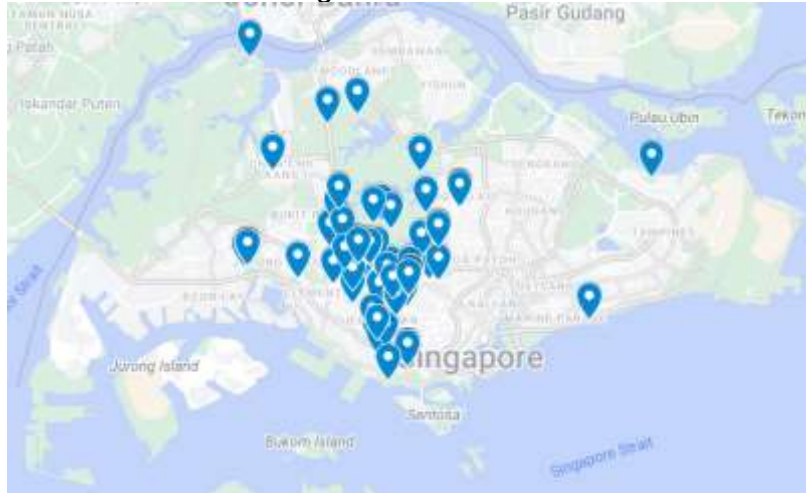
Red Lory

Eos bornea

A single individual was seen within Singapore Botanic Gardens on 6 Aug 2023. Up to a pair was seen around Holland Plain between 25 Oct 2023 and 31 Dec 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Coconut Lorikeet

Trichoglossus haematodus

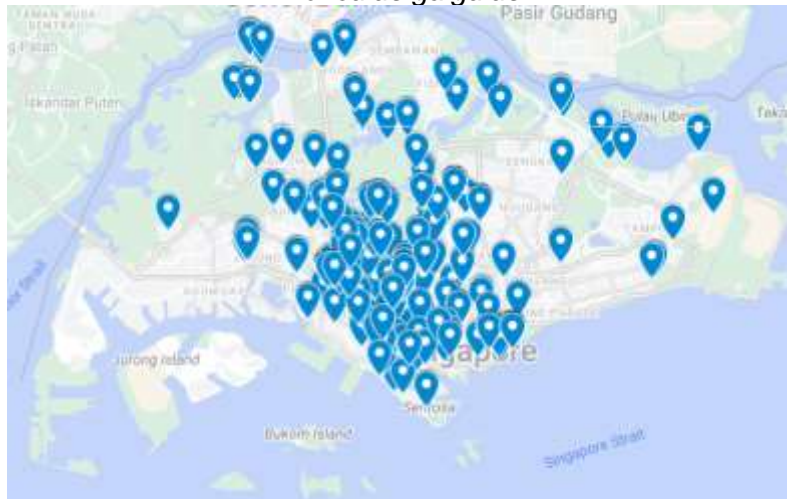


Map showing sighting locations of the Coconut Lorikeet.

High figures of 20 and 15 were reported from Singapore Botanic Gardens and Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park on 15 Oct 2023 and 24 Sep 2023, respectively. Birds have been seen within the Central Catchment; one to six birds were seen between 26 Jul 2023 and 17 Dec 2023. A pair was seen at Sungei Buloh on 2 Sep 2023, while four were seen at East Coast Park on 29 Oct 2023 and one was spotted at Pasir Ris Park on 30 Nov 2023.

Blue-crowned Hanging-Parrot

Loriculus galgulus



Map showing sighting locations of the Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot.

Seen widely across Singapore, high counts of 15 and 12 were reported from Singapore Botanic Gardens and Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park on 11 Sep 2023 and 29 Aug 2023. Nine birds were seen flying out from a tree at the junction of Jalan Tan Tock Seng on 14 and 20 Dec 2023, and individuals were regularly encountered along Orchard Road (pers. obs.).

Rosy-faced Lovebird

Agapornis roseicollis

A single bird was reported from West Coast Drive on 6 Sep 2023. This species is not in the NSS checklist.

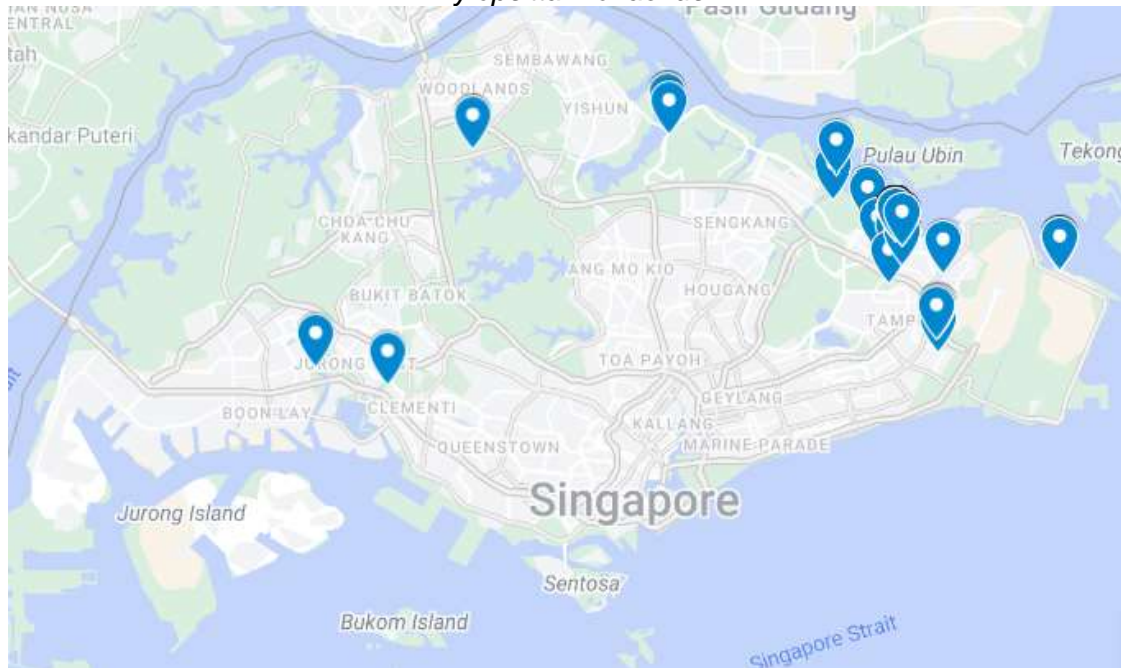
Grey Parrot

Psittacus erithacus

An individual was seen on Sentosa on 14 Oct 2023. The observer highlighted that the bird was first seen in Feb 2021. This introduced species is not listed in the NSS checklist.

Monk Parakeet

Myiopsitta monachus



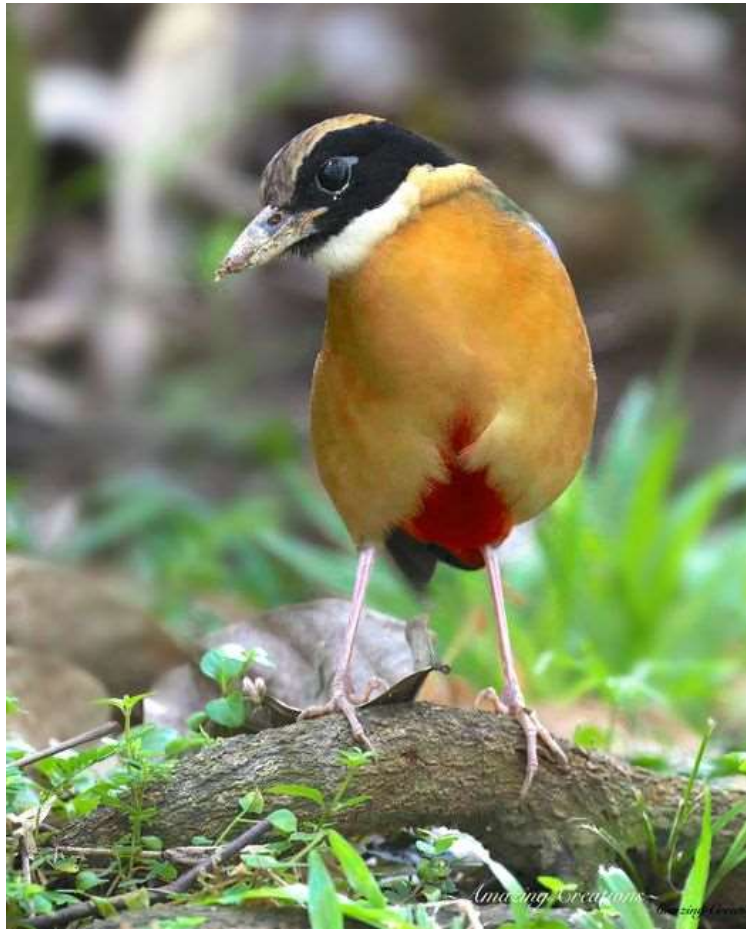
Map showing sighting locations of the Monk Parakeet.

Records of this invasive species have been concentrated largely in the east; up to 15 have been counted from Pasir Ris Park. However, small numbers have been seen at Ulu Sembawang on (two on 6 Aug 2023), Jurong Lake Gardens (five on 28 Dec 2023) and Ulu Pandan Park Connector (one on 29 Aug 2023).

Black-and-red Broadbill

Cymbirhynchus macrorhynchos

A single bird was seen on Pulau Ubin on 2 Jul 2023 while possibly two birds were recorded from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve from 4 to 12 Aug 2023.



Blue-winged Pitta at Teck Whye on 26 Nov 2023 (Joseph Lim).

Birds are found from July to December. A high count of seven was recorded from Pulau Ubin on 2 Jul 2023, as well as at Marina East on 7 Jul 2023, Kranji Marsh on 8 Jul 202 and Serangoon Estuary on 9 Jul 2023. Birds continued to be recorded on Pulau Ubin, Coney Island, Kranji Marsh and even Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve until the first week of October. The possible first record of migratory Pittas for the season was likely a bird spotted on 28 Oct 2023 at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve. More sightings began to be reported in earnest from end-Nov 2023 onwards, such as an individual at Holland Grove on 20 Nov 2023, and another in the middle of a small park cum playground at a Teck Whye HDB housing estate on 27 Nov 2023.

Western Hooded Pitta

Pitta sordida



Western Hooded Pitta at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 28 Dec 2023 (Maricel A Cabanero).

The first bird for the season was spotted on 17 Nov 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens. Single birds were subsequently seen at Singapore Botanic Gardens (SBG) from 18 Nov 2023 to the end of the year, Central Catchment on 1 Dec 2023, and Hindhede Nature Park on 20 and 24 Dec 2023.

Of note, the individual photographed at SBG on 18 Nov 2023 (David Chan) & 20 Nov 2023 (Moses Tang) was an immature (mainly buff on breast, with some patches of green), but apparently with a full black head, suggestive of *mulleri* subspecies (which would be a first for Singapore).



Western Hooded Pitta (possible *mulleri* subsp) at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 20 Nov 2023 (Moses Tang).

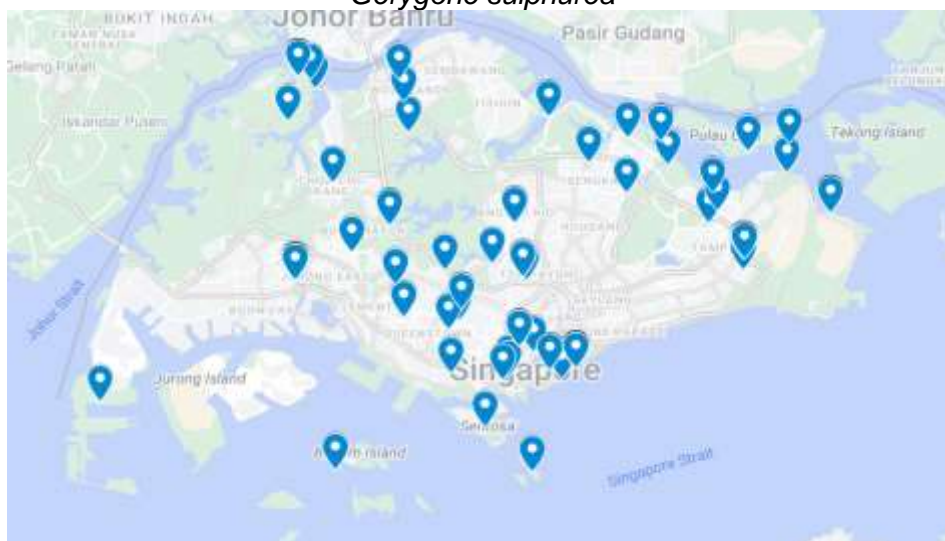
Mangrove Pitta
Pitta megarhyncha



Mangrove Pitta at Jurong Lake Gardens on 18 Nov 2023 (Geoff Lim).

A single bird was recorded from the mangrove swamp in Pasir Ris Park on 14 Jul 2023, while an individual was reported from Pulau Tekong (restricted access) on 19 Jul 2023 and 1 Aug 2023. Other sightings came from up to three birds reported from Pulau Ubin between 15 Jul 2023 and 28 Dec 2023, and of a juvenile seen at Jurong Lake Gardens from 15 Oct 2023 to 20 Dec 2023.

Golden-bellied Gerygone
Gerygone sulphurea

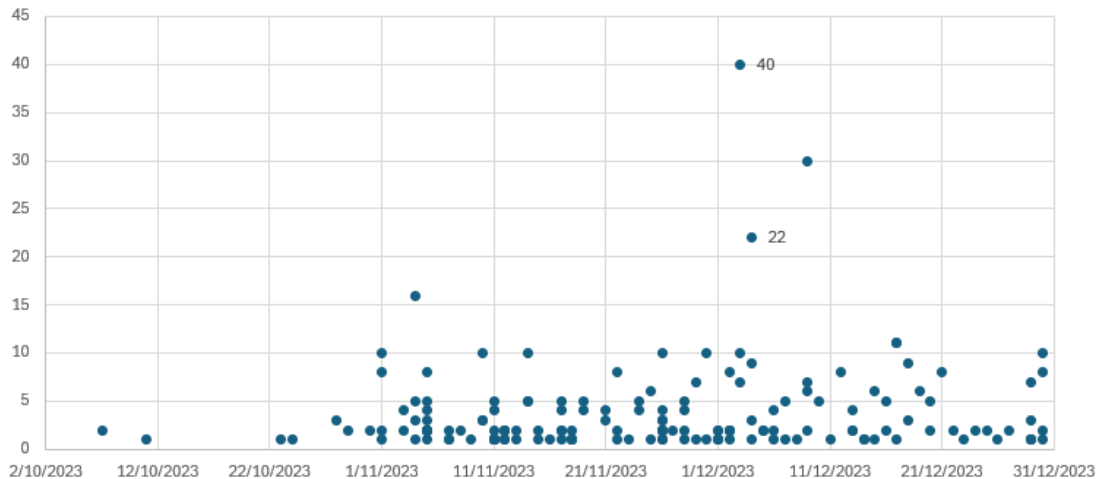


Map showing sighting locations of the Golden-bellied Gerygone.

A high count of between four and six birds was reported from Changi Bay Point between 8 Jul 2023 and 24 Sep 2023.

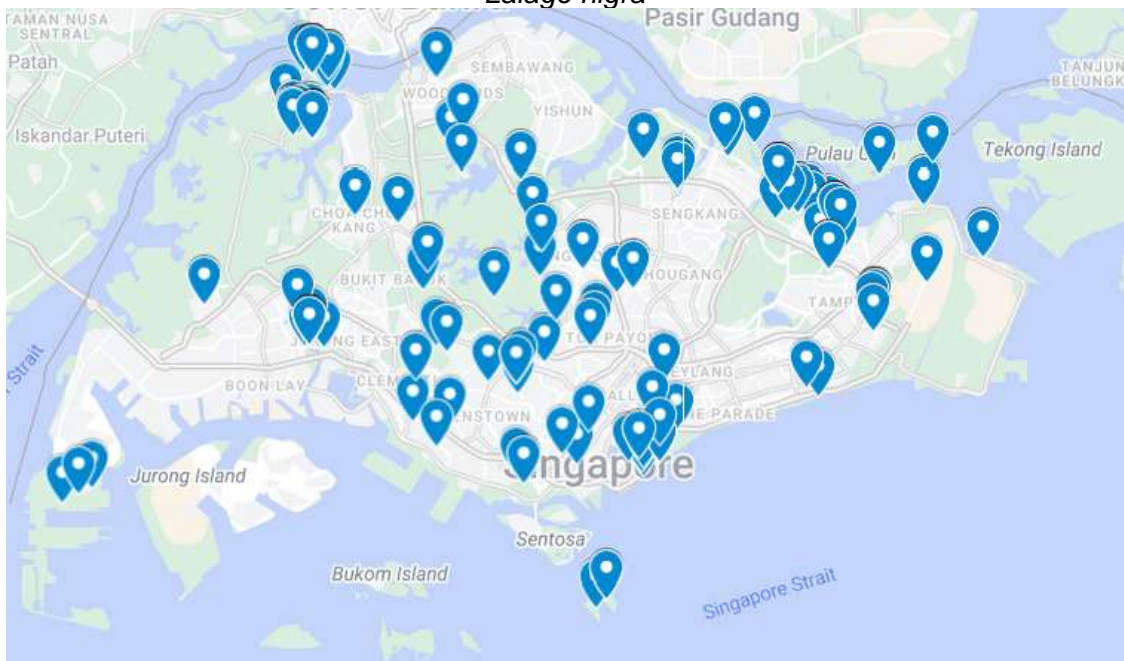
Ashy Minivet *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

Ashy Minivet - observation numbers & dates



The first record for the season was of two birds at Dairy Farm on 7 Oct 2023. A high count of 40 birds was reported on 3 Dec 2023 from some albizia trees around Bukit Gombak Stadium. Another high of around 30 birds was reported on 9 Dec 2023 from Coney Island, while 22 birds were seen on 4 Dec 2023 from Jurong Lake District.

Pied Triller *Lalage nigra*



Map showing sighting locations of the Pied Triller.

A total of 311 sighting records were reported between Jan and Jun 2023. Eight birds were counted on 31 Oct 2023 from Kranji Marsh.

Mangrove Whistler

Pachycephala cinerea

A single individual was seen and heard multiple times from a site at Pulau Tekong on 1 Aug 2023. A single bird was also reported between 17 and 24 Sep 2023 from Changi Bay Point.

Black-naped Oriole

Oriolus chinensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. No breeding was reported in eBird.

Common Iora

Aegithina tiphia

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. No breeding was reported in eBird. Breeding recorded. On 16 Jul 2023, an adult was tending to a begging juvenile at Tuas South, while a pair was feeding their young on 9 Aug 2023 at Jalan Ulu Sembawang.

Malaysian Pied-Fantail

Rhipidura javanica

A bird was reported to be feeding a Rusty-breasted Cuckoo chick on 31 Jul 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens, while a total of five birds, a family unit comprising adults feeding young birds, were seen on 14 Aug 2023 at Marina East.

Crow-billed Drongo

Dicrurus annectens

The first record for the season was a single individual recorded from the Singapore Botanic Gardens on 15 Oct 2023.

Greater Racket-tailed Drongo

Dicrurus paradiseus

Breeding recorded. An immature bird was spotted at Dairy Farm Nature Park on 1 Jul 2023

King Bird-of-Paradise
Cicinnurus regius



King Bird-of-Paradise at Windsor Nature Park on 27 Dec 2023 (Danny Khoo)



King Bird-of-Paradise at Windsor Nature Park feeding on Pipturus on top (Vincent Lao) and Alocasia at the bottom (Geoff Lim).

A male bird was seen at Windsor Nature Park between 23 and 31 Dec 2023. The bird was seen feeding on the fruit of *Alocasia odora*, *Pipturus argenteus*, among the fruit of other plants. This species is not in the NSS checklist.

Black-naped Monarch
Hypothymis azurea

A single bird was heard on 1 Aug 2023 on Pulau Tekong.

Japanese Paradise-Flycatcher

Terpsiphone atrocaudata



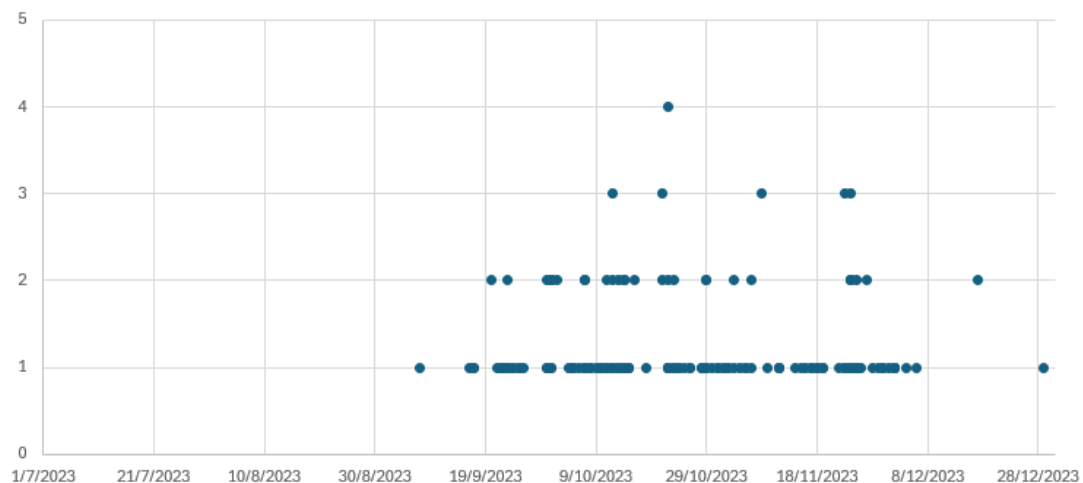
Japanese Paradise Flycatcher at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 29 Nov 2023 (Ho Siew Mun).

The first bird of the season was seen on 8 Nov 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens. Single birds continued to be spotted at Jurong Lake Gardens thereafter, until 26 Nov 2023, while up to two birds were seen at Botanic Gardens between 24 Nov 2023 and 1 Dec 2023. Single birds were also seen at Dairy Farm Nature Park on 17 Nov 2023 and at Thomson Nature Park on 21 Nov 2023.

Amur Paradise-Flycatcher

Terpsiphone incei

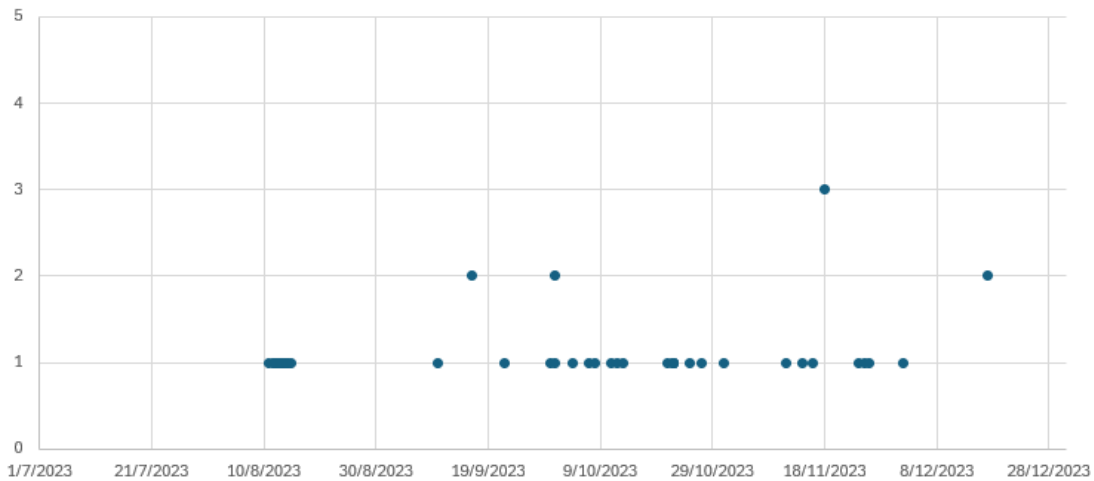
Amur Paradise Flycatcher - observation numbers & dates



The first record for the season was an individual seen on 7 Sep 2023 from Singapore Botanic Gardens. Movement across Singapore began to pick up towards the end of Sep 2023, peaking around the third week of Oct 2023, before tailing off by end Dec 2023.

Blyth's Paradise-Flycatcher *Terpsiphone affinis*

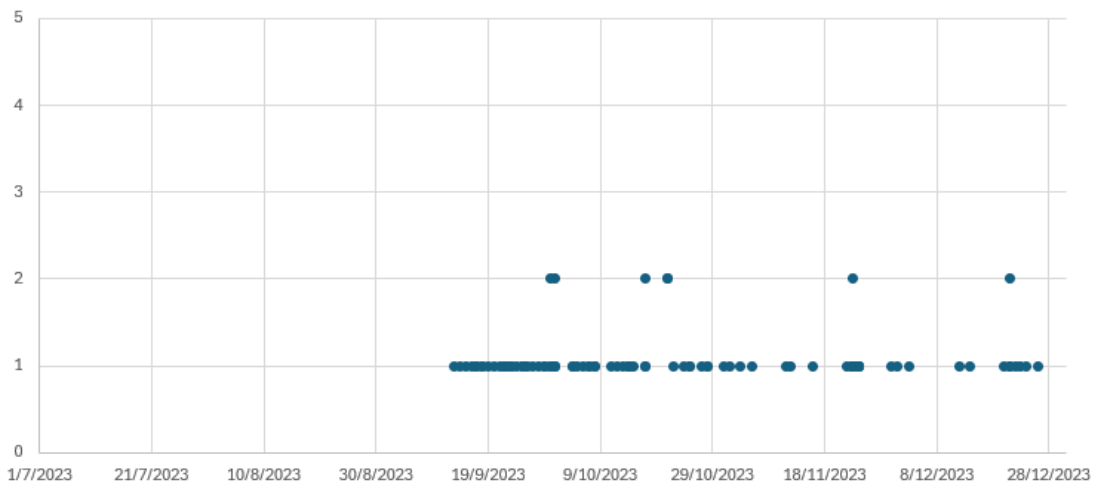
Blyth's Paradise Flycatcher - observation numbers & dates



The first record for the season was a single bird seen at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 11 Aug 2023, about a month before the first Amur Paradise Flycatchers reach our shores. This appeared to be a precursor wave of migrants before the main body began arriving from mid-Sep 2023 onwards, with a high count of three on 18 Nov 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens. Sightings petered off towards the last week of Nov 2023.

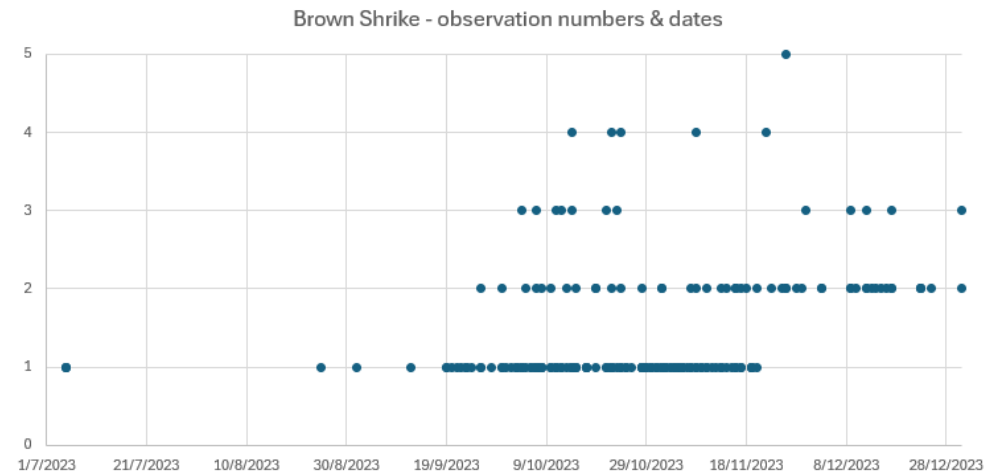
Tiger Shrike *Lanius tigrinus*

Tiger Shrike - observation numbers & dates



Brown Shrike

Lanius cristatus



The first record for the season was an individual seen on 12 Sep 2023 at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park. Birds subsequently began to stream in from 19 Sep 2023 onwards, peaking around mid-Oct 2023. Birds continued to trickle into Singapore throughout the rest of the year. An overstay was reported from around Marina East-Marina South from 5 Jul 2023 to 1 Sep 2023. As the last record for the previous season was of a bird spotted at Marina East on 16 May 2023, it is possible that this was the same bird(s) encountered during the early months of the second half of 2023.

Long-tailed Shrike

Lanius schach

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. Two fledgelings were seen with two adults on 5 Aug 2023 at Marina South Drive.

House Crow

Corvus splendens

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Large-billed Crow
Corvus macrorhynchos



Map showing sighting locations of the Large-billed Crow.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Common Tailorbird
Orthotomus sutorius

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding reported. A juvenile was seen on 22 Jul 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve.

Dark-necked Tailorbird
Orthotomus atrogularis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding reported. Two adults and two begging juveniles were seen on 12 Jul 2023 at Admiralty Park.

Ashy Tailorbird
Orthotomus ruficeps

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Rufous-tailed Tailorbird
Orthotomus sericeus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Yellow-bellied Prinia
Prinia flaviventris

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was seen at Marina East Drive on 7 Oct 2023.

Zitting Cisticola

Cisticola juncidis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Black-browed Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus bistrigiceps

The first record for the season of a single bird reported from Pasir Ris Farmway on 2 Nov 2023.

Oriental Reed Warbler

Acrocephalus orientalis

The sighting of a single bird from Marina East on 29 Sep 2023 was the first record for the migratory season.

Pallas's Grasshopper Warbler

Helopsaltes certhiola

Two birds seen and heard at Kranji Marsh on 7 Oct 2023 constituted the first record for the season.

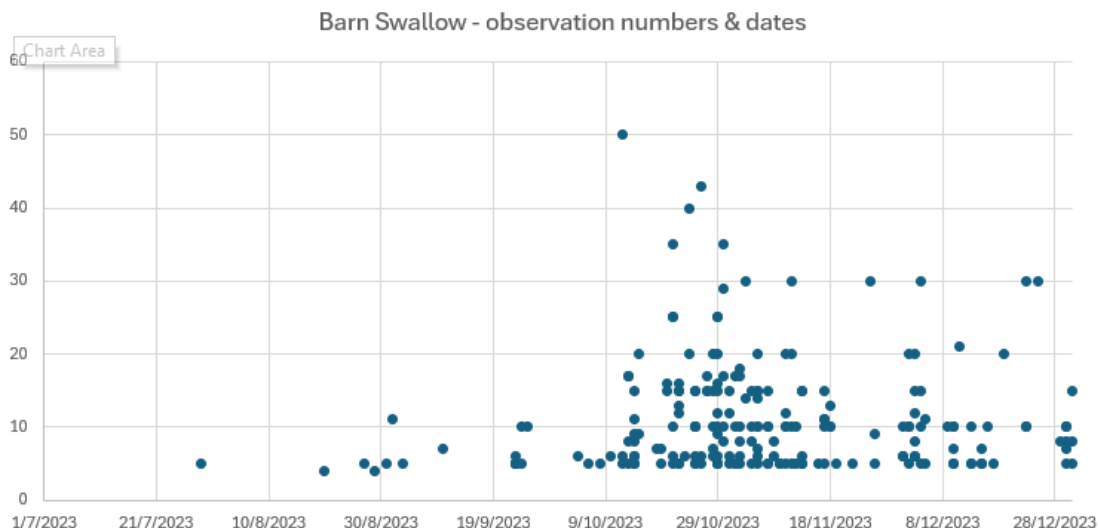
Pacific Swallow

Hirundo tahitica

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica



A small number of individual birds continue to be seen in Jul 2023; these are likely over-stayers. Small numbers begin to be reported in late July to August, such as five on 29 Jul 2023 at Hampstead Wetlands Park, three on 11 Aug 2023 at Mountbatten, and four on 20 Aug 2023 at Seletar Dam. Birds begin to arrive in larger numbers from September onwards, with 11 reported from Pasir Ris Park on 1 Sep 2023. A high

count of about 50 birds seen on 12 Oct 2023 from Mount Faber suggested that the swallow migration began to peak around this period, and good number of birds continue to come into Singapore until the end of the year.

Asian House-Martin

Delichon dasypus

Two birds spotted from Rifle Range Link on 13 Oct 2023 constituted the first record for the season. Small numbers continued to be reported from the Central Catchment, as well as from the Southern Ridges until 7 Nov 2023.

Red-rumped Swallow

Cecropis daurica

The first record for the season came from two birds seen on 12 Oct 2023 from Mount Faber Park. Birds continue to be seen until the end of the year.

Cinereous Bulbul

Hemixos cinereus

A single bird was reported on 3 Dec 2023 from Tampines Eco Green, while another individual was seen at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 23 Dec 2023.

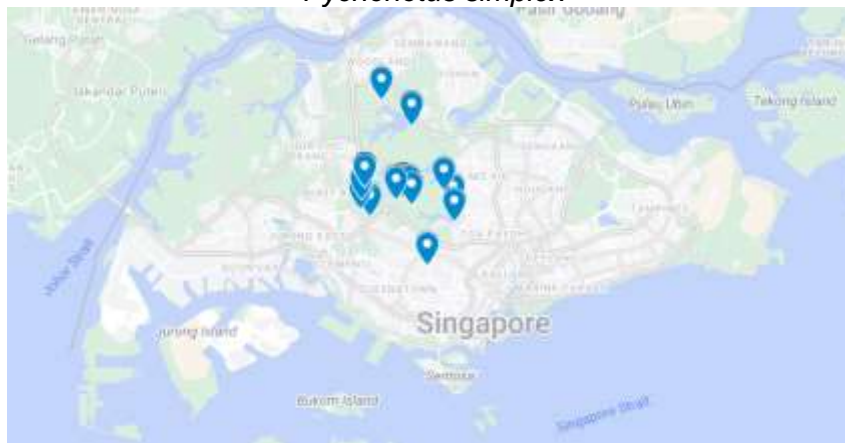
Black-crested Bulbul

Rubigula flaviventris

A single bird was seen from Jelutong Tower inside the Central Catchment on 17 Sep 2023.

Cream-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus simplex



Map showing sighting locations of the Cream-vented Bulbul.

Sighting records were concentrated within the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks. There was one record from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 8 Oct 2023.

Olive-winged Bulbul

Pycnonotus plumosus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Red-eyed Bulbul

Pycnonotus brunneus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023 and found mostly within and around the Central Catchment. Records submitted from Mount Faber Park of two birds on 1 Dec 2023, and a single individual from Sentosa on 1 Sep 2023 need further investigation.

Straw-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus zeylanicus



Straw-headed Bulbul at Hindhede Park on 19 Sep 2023 (Ho Siew Mun).

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Red-whiskered Bulbul

Pycnonotus jocosus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Yellow-vented Bulbul

Pycnonotus goiavier

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. Two adults with two dependent fledglings reported on 8 Aug 2023 from Pasir Ris Park, while a pair of adults and two fledglings were observed within the grounds of St Joseph's Institution between 15 & 22 Aug 2023. Two adults with an immature bird seen separately were recorded on 2 Sep 2023 from Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Sooty-headed Bulbul

Pycnonotus aurigaster

Birds were present during the second half of 2023, with records mainly concentrated in the east. Outlier locations include Ang Mo Kio Linear Park (near Luxus Hills), three records from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 6 Oct 2023 (two birds), 12 Nov 2023 (single bird) and 21 Nov 2023 (single bird) and two records from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (single birds on 31 Aug 2023 and 20 Dec 2023).

Yellow-browed Warbler

Phylloscopus inornatus

The first record for the season was of a single bird heard on 20 Oct 2023 at Gardens by the Bay. There were five other records – 9 Nov 2023 at Kallang River, 22 Nov 2023 at Coney Island, and 24 and 27 Dec 2023 at Jurong Lake Gardens.

Eastern Crowned Warbler

Phylloscopus coronatus

The season's first record was of one individual among two to three other warblers seen on 28 Aug 2023 at Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Sakhalin Leaf Warbler

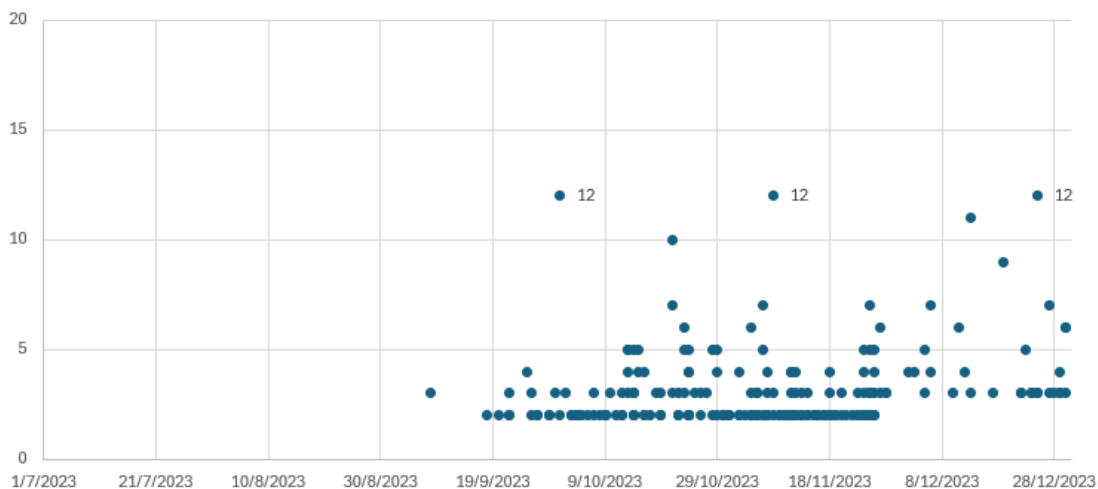
Phylloscopus borealoides

An individual was heard calling intermittently from Lower Peirce Reservoir Park on 20 Nov 2023. A single singer continued to be heard from this location during this period, with the last record on 27 Dec 2023. Another individual was heard from Bukit Timah Nature Reserve on 24 Dec 2023.

Arctic Warbler

Phylloscopus borealis

Arctic Warbler - observation numbers & dates



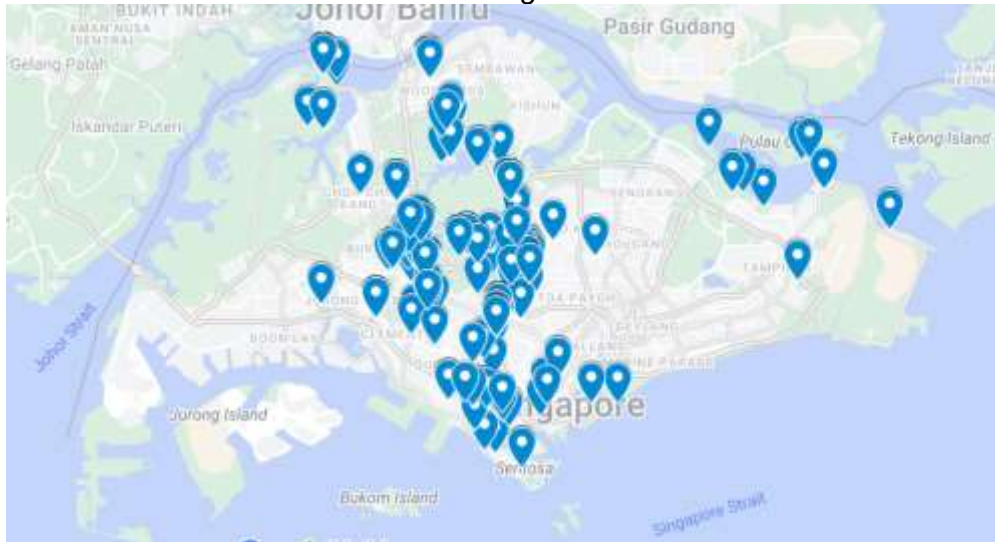
The first record of the season was an individual spotted in Singapore Botanic Gardens on 17 Aug 2023. There appeared to be three peaks during this season –

one during the first week of October, another during the second week of November and the third around mid-December.

Swinhoe's White-eye
Zosterops simplex

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Pin-striped Tit-Babbler
Mixornis gularis



Map showing sighting locations of the Pin-striped Tit-Babbler.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. A high number of 33 was seen along Rifle Range Link on 3 Oct 2023, while 29 were seen in pairs and small flocks of up to 5-6 between Wallace Centre and Singapore Quarry.

Chestnut-winged Babbler
Cyanoderma erythropterum

Records of this Babbler have become scarce in recent years, with a very small number of birds recorded within the Central Catchment area. One individual was reported on 16 Jul 2023 from Mandai Road Track 7, while a pair was reported on 17 Aug 2023 from the MacRitchie area. Two records of individual birds were reported, one near Jelutong Tower albeit heard deep in the forest on 17 Sep 2023, and one on 29 Dec 2023 within the catchment grounds.

Short-tailed Babbler
Pellorneum malaccense



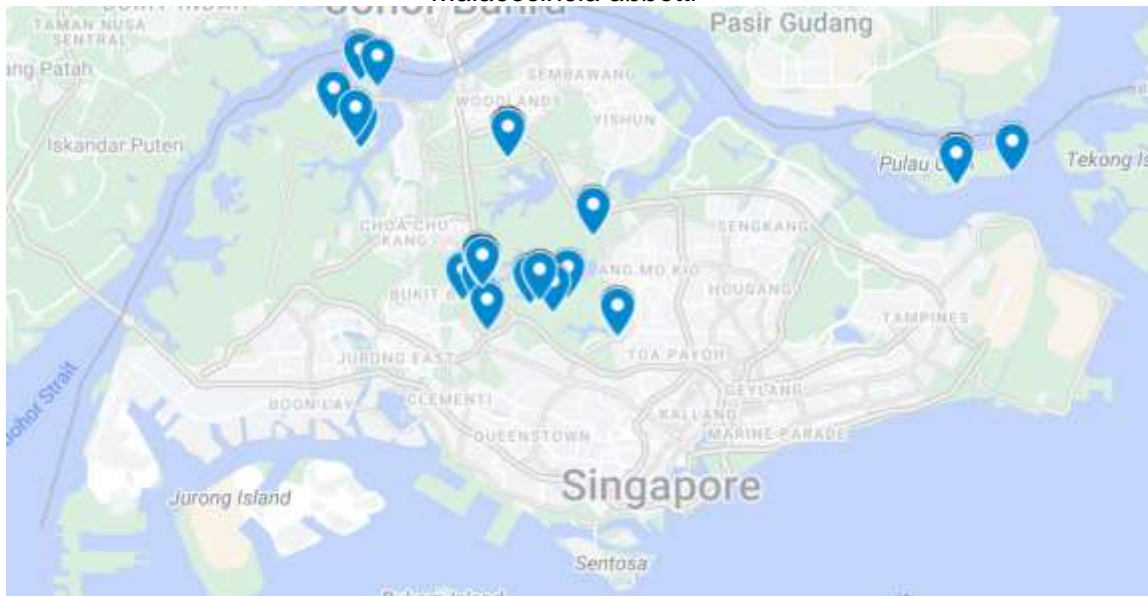
Map showing sighting locations of the Short-tailed Babbler.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Sightings were confined within the Central Catchment.

White-chested Babbler
Pellorneum rostratum

Others: one bird was photographed at Pasir Ris Park Park Connector Network on 23 Jul 2023 by Hou Boon.

Abbott's Babbler
Malacocincla abbotti



Map showing sighting locations of the Abbott's Babbler.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding reported. A juvenile was seen begging from two adults on 30 Sep 2023 on Pulau Ubin.

Chinese Hwamei

Garrulax canorus

A single bird was reported from Sentosa on 10 Sep 2023.

White-crested Laughingthrush

Garrulax leucolophus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Black-throated Laughingthrush

Pterorhinus chinensis

Two were reported from 23 Jul 2023 from the Southern Ridges while an individual was reported from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 22-23 Nov 2023. A single bird was seen and heard from Telok Blangah Hill Park between 15 Aug 2023 and 25 Nov 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Asian Glossy Starling

Aplonis panayensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. High counts recorded. About five hundred were seen on 9 Nov 2023 around Yishun Avenue 6, while three hundred were noted by the observer to be “usual” at Nanyang Technological University on 25 Sep 2023. Sightings at Jurong Lake Garden ranged between 130-155 on 1 and 30 Nov 2023, respectively. Between 110 and 115 were reported at Singapore Quarry and Dairy Farm area on 1 Nov 2023 and 31 Dec 2023.

Common Hill Myna

Gracula religiosa



Map showing sighting locations of the Common Hill Myna.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. High counts of 17 birds were recorded from Rifle Range Link on 27 Aug 2023 and 12 from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 15 Aug 2023.

Rosy Starling

Pastor roseus

Other: a single immature was photographed at Dempsey Road on 24 Sep 2023 by SB Lim.

Daurian Starling

Agropsar sturninus

One possible overstayer was seen on 26 Jul 2023 from Gardens by the Bay. The first most likely record of the season came from a single bird spotted on 22 Aug 2023 at Seletar Dam. Subsequently, 20 birds were spotted at Nanyang Technological University on 30 Aug 2023. Thereafter, more sightings were reported in the successive weeks across various locations in Singapore. High counts seen on 24 Sep 2023 when an estimated 750 birds were reported from Dempsey Road. A big flock of 600 was also reported on 28 Sep 2023 from next to Springdale Primary School at Sengkang.

White-shouldered Starling

Sturnia sinensis

The first record for the season came from a single bird spotted on 24 Sep 2024 from the jetty near Yishun Dam among flocks of Daurian Starlings. Up to ten were seen at Jurong Lake Gardens between 12 Nov 2023 and 28 Dec 2023, while four were seen on 24 Dec 2023 from Telok Blangah Hill Park and seven among a flock of Daurian Starlings on 15 Dec 2023 at Tuas South.

Common Myna

Acridotheres tristis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Javan Myna

Acridotheres javanicus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. A conservative estimate of 300 birds were seen flying over Kranji Dam early morning on 8 Aug 2023. Two hundred were reported from Marina East on 9 Nov 2023 while about 150 were seen on the same day from Yishun Avenue 6.

White's Thrush

Zoothera aurea



White's Thrush at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 23 Nov 2023 (Thomas Koh).

A single bird and first record for Singapore, was recorded from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 23 Nov 2023.

Siberian Thrush

Geokichla sibirica

The first record for the season was a sighting of three birds reported on 4 Nov 2023 from Dairy Farm Nature Park. Subsequently, single birds were reported from there on 8 & 24 Nov 2023.

Eyebrowed Thrush

Turdus obscurus

The first record for the season was a flyby by six birds over Jelutong Tower on 22 Nov 2023. Subsequently, mostly single birds, except for 29 Nov 2023 when two were reported to be feeding in a flock with five other different species of birds, were seen and reported from within the Central Catchment, Hindhede Nature Park and Dairy Farm Nature Park between 24 Nov 2023 and 15 Dec 2023.

Dark-sided Flycatcher

Muscicapa sibirica

The first record for this season was an individual spotted on 10 Sep 2023 at Dairy Farm Nature Park.

Ferruginous Flycatcher

Muscicapa ferruginea

The first record for the season was of an individual spotted on 16 Sep 2023 from within the Central Catchment. Subsequently, individuals were seen at the canal along Changi Business Park on 13-14 Nov 2023, Dairy Farm Nature Park from 4 Oct 2023 to 11 Dec 2023 (with a pair seen on 25 Oct 2023), Jurong Lake Gardens from 22 Oct 2023 to 18 Nov 2023, Lower Peirce Reservoir Park on 30 Oct 2023, Mount Faber Park on 12 Nov 2023 and Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 20 Dec 2023.

Asian Brown Flycatcher

Muscicapa dauurica

A single bird seen on 10 Sep 2023 at Dairy Farm Nature Park was the season's first record for the species. Mostly individual birds continued to be seen and reported to the end of the year.

Brown-streaked Flycatcher

Muscicapa williamsoni



Brown-streaked Flycatcher at Changi Business Park on 13 Aug 2023 (T. Ramesh).

The first record for the season was a bird seen at Esplanade Park on 18 Jul 2023 (the last record in the first half of 2023 was on 14 Mar 2023). Subsequently, birds were spotted from 9 Aug 2023 onwards across various locations such as Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park, the canal near Changi Business Park, Dairy Farm Nature Park, Gardens by the Bay, Jurong Lake Gardens, Kranji Marsh, Marina East, Nanyang Technological University, Sengkang Riverside Park, Singapore Botanic Gardens, the Southern

Ridges, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, Tampines Eco Green and Ulu Pandan Park Connector until 10 Dec 2023.

Oriental Magpie-Robin

Copsychus saularis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

White-rumped Shama

Copsychus malabaricus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Blue-and-White Flycatcher

Cyanoptila cyanomelana



Indeterminate Cyanoptila at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 25 Nov 2023 (Geoff Lim).

A single male was spotted on 7 Dec 2023 at Dairy Farm Nature Park.

The earliest record of a *Cyanoptila* was of a single bird seen on the grounds of Singapore Botanic Gardens on 22 Nov 2023. Thereafter, between one to three *Cyanoptila* were spotted until 6 Dec 2023. Over at Dairy Farm Nature Park, a single bird was seen on 23 & 30 Nov 2023, as well as 9 Dec 2023. However, it was not possible to determine if the bird(s) were *C. cyanomelana* or *C. cumatilis*.

Mangrove Blue Flycatcher

Cyornis rufigastra

A single male was seen from 12 to 14 Dec 2023 at Springleaf Nature Park.

Brown-chested Jungle Flycatcher

Cyornis brunneatus



Brown-chested Jungle Flycatcher at Jurong Lake Gardens on 25 Oct 2023 (Maricel A Cabanero).

The first record for the season was of an individual seen on 10 Oct 2023. Individuals were seen in the Central Catchment, buffer nature parks, as well as places such as Jurong Lake Gardens, Nanyang Technological University, Mount Faber Park and Singapore Botanic Gardens until 27 Nov 2023. A single individual was seen in Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 20 Dec 2023.

Siberian Blue Robin

Larvivora cyane

The first record for the season were two birds encountered along Rifle Range Link on 29 Sep 2023. Sighting records were confined within the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks during this period.

Yellow-rumped Flycatcher

Ficedula zanthopygia



Yellow-rumped Flycatcher at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 2 Sep 2023 (Lee Chin Pong).

The first record for the season came from a sighting at Changi Business Park on 27 Aug 2023. Subsequent sightings were recorded from 2 Sep 2023 onwards. Birds continued to be seen until 31 Dec 2023.

Green-backed Flycatcher

Ficedula elisae



Green-backed Flycatcher at Dairy Farm Nature Park on 7 Dec 2023 (Andy Lee).

There was only one record on 29 Dec 2023 of a single bird heard at dawn in low vegetation within the Central Catchment.

Others: a single bird was photographed on 7 Dec 2023 at Dairy Farm Nature Park by Andy Lee.

Mugimaki Flycatcher

Ficedula mugimaki



Mugimaki Flycatcher at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 25 Nov 2023 (Ho Siew Mun).

The first record for the season was a bird seen at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 25 Nov 2023. Birds continued to be seen at various locations such Dairy Farm Nature Park, Pasir Ris Park and Sungei Buloh until 22 Dec 2023.

Taiga Flycatcher

Ficedula albicilla

A single bird was recorded within an army camp within the Choa Chu Kang housing state on 3 Nov 2023.

Blue Rock-Thrush

Monticola solitarius

The first record of the season was a bird seen at Pinnacle@Duxton on 30 Sep 2023. Two male *philippensis* subspecies were subsequently seen at the same location on 1 & 2 Oct 2023. Single birds continued to be seen occasionally there until 9 Nov 2023.

Yellow-vented Flowerpecker

Dicaeum chrysorrheum

A single individual was seen at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve on 23 Dec 2023.

Orange-bellied Flowerpecker

Dicaeum trigonostigma

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker

Dicaeum cruentatum

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was seen at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 2 Jul 2023.

Brown-throated Sunbird

Anthreptes malacensis



Brown-throated Sunbird male and juvenile at Tampines Eco-Green on 12 Aug 2023 (Alvin Seng).

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was seen begging for food in a small flock of six birds at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 8 Aug 2023. An adult was seen feeding a juvenile on 11 Aug 2023 at the same Reserve.

Van Hasselt's Sunbird

Leptocoma brasiliana

Birds were present during the second half of 2023 from Pulau Ubin and the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks from 9 Jul 2023 to 29 Dec 2023.

Copper-throated Sunbird
Leptocoma calcostetha



Copper-throated Sunbird at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 5 Jul 2023 (Joseph Lim).

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. A high count of eight birds were reported on 12 Nov 2023 from Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve, one of the two enclaves for this mangrove specialist; the other being Pulau Ubin.

Olive-backed Sunbird
Cinnyris jugularis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. An immature male was recorded on 7 Oct 2023 at Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Crimson Sunbird

Aethopyga siparaja

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. A juvenile was seen among a flock of five birds on 13 Aug 2023 at Dairy Farm Nature Park, while a juvenile was also seen on 20 Aug 2023 at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve. A sub-adult male was seen on 11 Nov 2023 at Dairy Farm as well.

Little Spiderhunter

Arachnothera longirostra



Little Spiderhunter at Bukit Batok Nature Park on 2 Sep 2023 (Lee Chin Pong).

Birds were present during the second half of 2023 from the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks.

Asian Fairy-Bluebird

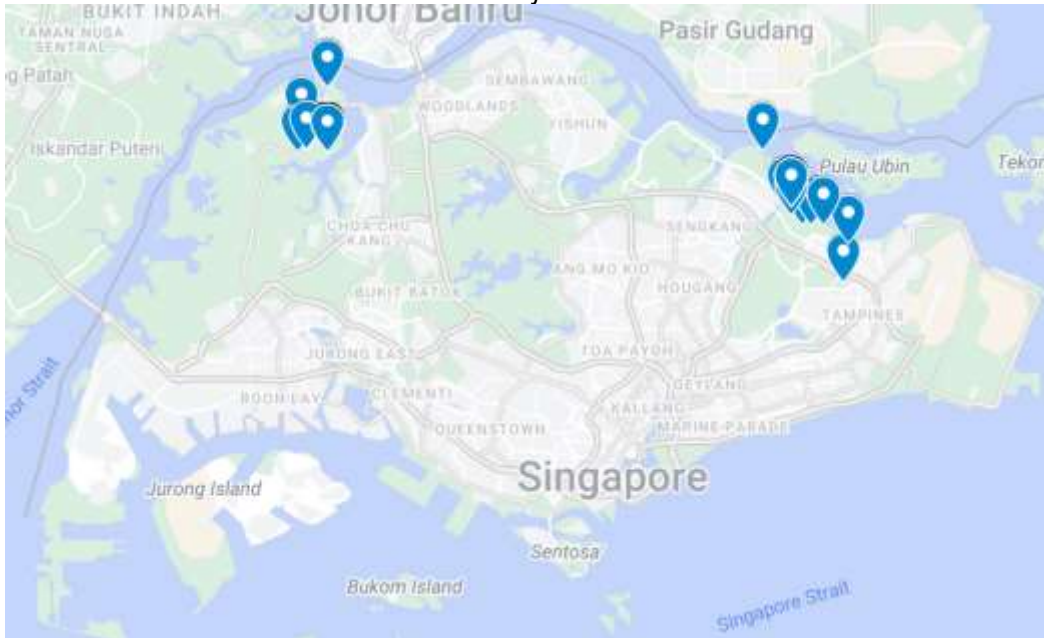
Irena puella

Birds were present during the second half of 2023 largely from the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks, and reports along the Southern Ridges (Henderson Waves on 22 & 28 Oct 2023, and 7 Nov 2023; and Mount Faber Park on 8 Oct 2023). Single birds were also reported from Singapore Botanic Gardens on 14 Aug 2023 and 22 Oct 2023.

Blue-winged Leafbird
Chloropsis cochinchinensis

Birds were present during the second half of 2023 largely around the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks.

Golden-backed Weaver
Ploceus jacksoni



Map showing sighting locations of the Golden-backed Weaver.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Baya Weaver
Ploceus philippinus



Map showing sighting locations of the Baya Weaver.

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. Observers reported about three nests at Changi Bay Point on 8 Jul 2023, while another saw

three half completed nests on 27 Jul 2023 along Ulu Pandan Linear Park, while a visitor to Tampines Eco Green on 2 Dec 2023 saw many nests.

Asian Golden Weaver

Ploceus hypoxanthus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Between one and two birds were seen at Tampines Eco Green on 1-2 Jul 2023 and on 10 Sep 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Zanzibar Red Bishop

Euplectes nigroventris

Between one and two birds were seen at Changi Bay Point between 8 Jul 2023 and 3 Sep 2023. A single individual was reported from Tuas South between 15 & 17 Dec 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Yellow-crowned Bishop

Euplectes afer

A single bird was seen at Marina East on 30 Sep 2023, while another individual was spotted at Tuas South between 15 and 30 Dec 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Zebra Finch

Taeniopygia guttata

An unspecified number was seen at Jurong Lake Gardens on 27 Sep 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Bronze Mannikin

Spermestes cucullata

A single bird was reported from Changi Bay Point on 3 Sep 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Scaly-breasted Munia

Lonchura punctulata

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. Juveniles were seen with adults at Pasir Ris Park on 12 Aug 2023, Seletar Dam on 19 Aug 2023, Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 9 Sep 2023, and at Marina East Drive on 24 Sep 2023 and 9 Nov 2023.

Javan Munia

Lonchura leucogastroides

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Chestnut Munia

Lonchura atricapilla

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Breeding recorded. Three juveniles were seen with two adults on 8 Jul 2023 at Changi Bay Point. Large numbers have been reported from Tuas South in Dec 2023.

White-headed Munia

Lonchura maja



White-headed Munia at Ulu Pandan on 19 Jul 2023 (Maricel A Cabanero).

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. Numbers have been seen in mixed munia flocks.

Orange-cheeked Waxbill

Estrilda melpoda

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Common Waxbill

Estrilda astrild

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Black-rumped Waxbill

Estrilda troglodytes

A single bird was seen at Lorong Halus Wetland on 18 Jul 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Crimson-rumped Waxbill

Estrilda rhodopyga

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

Pin-tailed Whydah

Vidua macroura

Birds were present during the second half of 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

House Sparrow

Passer domesticus

Three birds were seen on 27 Oct 2023 on Jurong Island.

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

Passer montanus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Forest Wagtail

Dendronanthus indicus

A single bird foraging on the track near the Kampong Melayu cemetery on Pulau Ubin on 2 Sep 2023 was the first record for the season. Apart from occasional sightings at Ubin, and an individual at Kranji Marsh on 12 Oct 2023, all other records were from within the Central Catchment and buffer nature parks such as Dairy Farm and Lower Peirce Reservoir Park.

Grey Wagtail

Motacilla cinerea



Grey Wagtail along Kallang River (Bishan) on 15 Dec 2023 (Lee Chin Pong).

The first record for the season was an individual spotted at the canal near Changi Business Park on 19 Aug 2023. Up to twenty individuals were recorded at Block 153, Yishun Street 11 on 6 & 13 Oct 2023 and 4 Nov 2023.

Eastern Yellow Wagtail

Motacilla tschutschensis

An individual spotted at Marina East Drive on 5 Sep 2023 was the first record for the season. Twelve birds were counted at 34, Pasir Ris Coast Industrial Park 4 on 3 Dec 2023. Ten were seen at the vicinity of Marina East Drive.

White Wagtail

Motacilla alba



*White Wagtail along Kallang River (Bishan) on 15 Dec 2023 (Lee Chin Pong).
Subspecies *ocularis* (left) and *leucopsis* (right).*

The first record for the season came from an individual seen along the canal at Ulu Pandan Park Connector on 3 Aug 2023; up to two birds continued to be seen there until 17 Sep 2023. Single individuals, and occasionally two birds, were seen along the canal near the Bishan MRT depot between 10 and 23 Dec 2023. Individuals were also seen at Lorong Halus Wetland on 3-4 Dec 2023, Marina East on 5 Nov 2023, and at Tuas South on 4 Nov 2023.

Paddyfield Pipit

Anthus rufulus

Birds were present during the second half of 2023.

Red-throated Pipit

Anthus cervinus

An individual seen on 2 Dec 2023 at Lorong Halus Wetland was the first record for the season. Up to two continued to be seen there, as well as around Pasir Ris Coast Industrial Park 4 up till 3 Dec 2023.

Yellow-fronted Canary

Crithagra mozambica

Up to three birds were seen at Gardens by the Bay (including Bay East) between 29 Jul 2023 and 14 Oct 2023. An individual was seen at Jurong Lake Gardens on 12 Aug 2023. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

American Goldfinch

Spinus tristis



American Goldfinch at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 8 Sep 2023 (John Rucksdeschel from eBird).

Two were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 8 Sep 2023 by John Rucksdeschel. This introduced species is not in the NSS checklist.

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