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Malayan Night Heron at Jurong Lake Park on 26 November by Con Foley



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## Bird Report

### November 2009

By Yong Ding Li

#### SINGAPORE HIGHLIGHTS



Blue-and-white Flycatchers at the Bukit Batok Nature Park on 12 Nov by Wing Chong

Most Novembers come as busy months for the Singapore birdwatcher and clearly this one was no exception. Records of migrant activity steadily and consistently streamed in throughout the month, with a number of surprises. Although not drawing much attention, Sungei Buloh continued to play host to some uncommon waders, including a **Grey-tailed Tattler**, two **Broad-billed Sandpipers** and rather high counts of **Red-necked Stints**, remnants of what passed by on their way south in October. Raptor activity was well watched island-wide, with some exceptionally rare species seen. One was a stunning adult **Blyth's Hawk-Eagle** that was seen by a lucky few at Yishun Industrial Estate while the very rare wintering **Short-toed Eagle** was seen at the Chinese Gardens and Alexandra Arch area. Most of the regular migrant raptors were recorded, with extensive records of **Black Baza**, **Oriental Honey Buzzard** and both Sparrowhawks. The Venus Drive area, one that is not often visited by birders who are headed direct for the Sime forest revealed itself to be a migrant magnet, attracting beauties like a **Black-backed Kingfisher** and the uncommon **Ferruginous** and **Blue-and-white Flycatchers**, albeit a dull first winter male for the latter. Bukit Batok Nature Park clearly was another rarity and migrant hotspot. An adult male **Blue-and-white Flycatcher** was reported there and seen by a spate of people who went to follow up on the record. Other rarities reported from the park included a **Streaked Bulbul**, **Yellow-vented Flowerpecker**, **Common Buzzard** and the now increasingly regular **Glossy Swiftlets**. The month ended off with a brilliant juvenile **Malayan Night-Heron**, who showed himself well to most who made the pilgrimage to Chinese Gardens to see this extreme rarity.

## SUMMARY

This report covers noteworthy bird sightings in November 2009 for Singapore and the surrounding region. In general, the report will include but are not limited to the following categories: rarities, breeding or nesting records, arrival and departure dates for migratory species, new locality records, escapees and unusual behaviour.

In addition, contributors are also advised to be as precise as possible concerning records. Please remember to include details such as how many birds were seen, the plumage, sex and age of the birds, the type of habitat in which they were observed, the food they were eating (if possible, identify the plant or animal), the weather encountered (what was the wind direction, tide conditions, etc.). Although it is not necessary to have such details for all record submissions, it is a good habit to cultivate and is normally required for very rare or unusual species.

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**ABBREVIATIONS USED:**

BBW	Bukit Batok West	CCNR	Central Catchment Nature Reserve
BBNP	Bukit Batok Nature Park	SBG	Singapore Botanic Gardens
BP	Bishan Park	SBWR	Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
BTNR	Bukit Timah Nature Reserve		

**SINGAPORE**

**RED JUNGLEFOWL** *Gallus gallus*

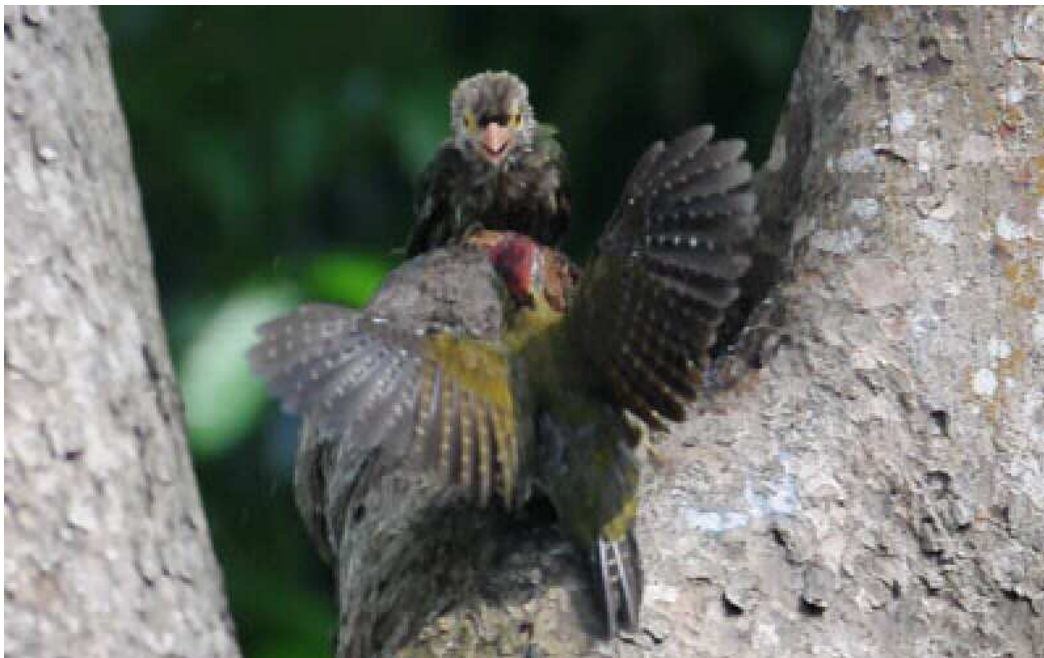
3 birds were heard on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS).

**LESSER WHISTLING DUCK** *Dendrocygna javanica*

9 birds were counted at SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS).

**LINEATED BARBET** *Megalaima lineata*

1 was seen at Jurong Lake on 7/11 (SY). 1 seen bathing at a tree hole at the Chinese Garden on 11/11 was intruded upon by a Laced Woodpecker *Picus vittatus* before the latter was chased away (TGC). This species has spread over much of western Singapore since it was first recorded at Bukit Batok Nature Park in the late 1990s – eds.



Lined Barbet and Laced Woodpecker at the Chinese Garden on 11 Nov by Tan Gim Cheong

**COMMON GOLDENBACK** *Dinopium javanense*

1 was seen at SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS). Other records includes 1 at BBNP on 1/11 (JdH/LKS), 2 females in mangroves at Changi Creek on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and 2 females at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS).

**COPPERSMITH BARBET** *Megalaima haemacephala*

4 were seen at the Chua Chu Kang Parsi Cemetery on the 17/11 (AC). 5 were seen in a mangrove tree at Changi Creek on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and 2 in a fruiting fig at BBNP on 18/11 (FC/TK/LKS).

**ORIENTAL PIED HORNBILL** *Anthracoceros albirostris*

3 birds were seen on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS).

**ORIENTAL DOLLARBIRD** *Eurystomus orientalis*

2 birds were seen at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS). Other records for the month includes 1 at SBWR on 15/11 (LKS), 1 at Sime Trail, CCNR, on 22/11 (LKS) and up to 4 on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS).

**COMMON KINGFISHER** *Alcedo atthis*

1 was seen at Lorong Halus on 16/11 (AC).

**BLACK-BACKED KINGFISHER** *Ceyx erithacus*

1 was seen at Venus Drive on 28/11 (SWS).

**STORK-BILLED KINGFISHER** *Pelargopsis capensis*

1 heard at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**BLACK-CAPPED KINGFISHER**

*Halcyon pileata*

1 seen at Jurong Lake, perched on the same tree as two Black Bazas *Aviceda leuphotes* on 7/11 (SY). Another bird was seen at the Dairy Farm Quarry on 7/11 (PAH). Singles were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 15/11 (BL) and Chinese Gardens on 18/11 (PJ).

**BLUE-THROATED BEE-EATER**

*Merops viridis*

Up to 8 birds were seen at BBNP on 22/11 (HF/LBW/YDL) are one of few winter records of this species.

**CHESTNUT-WINGED CUCKOO**

*Clamator coromandus*

1 was seen at the Bidadari Cemetery on 28/11 (LWT/TKH). 1 was seen on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS).

**LARGE HAWK-CUCKOO**

*Hierococcyx sparveriioides*

1 was seen at Choa Chu Kang area on 29/11 (TBC).



Large Hawk-cuckoo at the Choa Chu Kang area on 29 Nov by Tan Boon Chong

**HODGSON'S HAWK-CUCKOO** *Hierococcyx nisicolor*

1 young bird seen at the Labrador Park on 22/11 (RL). 2, including an adult were seen at Bidadari Cemetery on 28/11 (LWT/TKH).

**INDIAN CUCKOO** *Cuculus micropterus*

1 was seen at Venus drive on 7/11 (CF/LWT/TKH), followed by another at BBNP on 19/11 (BL). Another was seen at Poyan on 27/11 (LWT).

**BANDED BAY CUCKOO** *Cacomantis sonnerati*

1 was seen at BBNP on 21/11 (AOY).

**VIOLET CUCKOO** *Chrysococcyx xanthorhynchus*

1 was seen in flight over BBNP on 27/11 (SY).

**ASIAN DRONGO CUCKOO** *Surniculus lugubris*

2 seen at Bidadari Cemetery on 28/11 (LWT/TKH) are probably migrants.

**CHESTNUT-BELLIED MALKOHA** *Phaenicophaeus sumatranus*

2 birds were seen at Sime Trail, CCNR, on 22/11 (LKS).

**LONG-TAILED PARAKEET** *Psittacula longicauda*

A small flock was seen at the Dairy Farm area on 7/11 (PAH). A huge flock of about 120 birds were seen in flight over Dairy Farm area in the direction of BTNR on 29/11 (MH).

**RAINBOW LORY** *Trichoglossus haematodus*

3 were seen over SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS). The subspecies is unknown.

**TANIMBAR CORELLA** *Cacatua goffini*

1 was seen at Changi Village on 1/11 (JdH/LKS).

**BLUE-CROWNED HANGING PARROT** *Loriculus galgulus*

High counts of 8 birds were seen at SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS), 1 was seen at BBNP on 1/11 (JdH/LKS), 1 over Mt Faber on 21/11 (LKS) and 1 over Venus Drive, 22/11 (LKS).

**ROSE-RINGED PARAKEET** *Psittacula krameri*

2 over SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS).

**LONG-TAILED PARAKEET** *Psittacula longicauda*

20 individuals of this globally near-threatened species was counted at SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and 12 at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS).

**SILVER-RUMPED SPINETAIL** *Rhipidura leucopygialis*

1 seen in the Western Catchment on 8/11 (TKH/LWT/CF) may be the second record for Singapore if accepted.

**BROWN-BACKED NEEDLETAIL** *Hirundapus giganteus*

1 was seen over SBG on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) while at least 2 birds were seen at the BTNR summit on 8/11 (YDL).

**GLOSSY SWIFTLET** *Collocalia esculenta*

5 birds were counted at BBNP on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) while 2 were seen at there on 22/11 (HF/LBW/YDL).

**THICK-BILLED GREEN PIGEON** *Treron curvirostra*

A male seen at the Chua Chu Kang Cemetery on 19/11 (AC) is either a wanderer from Malaysia or the CCNR although these birds could be more widely distributed than currently thought. Other unusual records of this species normally confined to the CCNR includes a female seen in a flock of Pink-necked Green Pigeon *Treron vernans* in a mangrove at SBWR on 15/11 (LKS) and a flock of 4 birds (including a male) over on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS). 2 females were also seen at Island Club Road on 22/11 (LKS).

**PIED IMPERIAL-PIGEON** *Ducula bicolor*

2 seen at the Chinese Gardens on 7/11 (SY) and 8/11 (BL) are most probably wanderers from the Jurong Bird Park



Pied Imperial Pigeon at the Chinese Gardens on 8 Nov by Ben Lee

**RED-LEGGED CRAKE** *Rallina fasciata*

A pair was seen bathing at the stream at Venus Drive on 25/11 (SWS).

**WHITE-BREASTED WATERHEN** *Amaurornis phoenicurus*

A probable individual of the migratory race *chinensis*, identified by wing length was picked up dead at Rivervale Walk on 19/11 (AC).

**PURPLE SWAMPHEN** *Porphyrio porphyrio*

1 was seen at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS).

**WHIMBREL** *Numenius phaeopus*

About 100 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT).

**COMMON REDSHANK** *Tringa totanus*

About 110 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT).

**MARSH SANDPIPER** *Tringa stagnatilis*

About 50 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT).

**COMMON GREENSHANK** *Tringa nebularia*

About 100 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT). Another 8 was seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**WOOD SANDPIPER** *Tringa glareola*

2 were seen at the Lorong Halus ditch area on 16/11 (AC).

**COMMON SANDPIPER** *Tringa hypoleucos*

1 was seen at the Jurong Lake area on 11/11 (TGC). 3 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**GREY-TAILED TATTLER** *Tringa brevipes*

1 was seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**RUDDY TURNSTONE** *Arenaria interpres*

1 was seen at SBWR on 1/11 (JdH/LKS). Possibly the same individual was seen again at SBWR on 7/11 (TKH/LWT).

**RED-NECKED STINT** *Calidris ruficollis*

2 birds were seen at SBWR on 1/11 (JdH/LKS). High counts of 25 individuals were noted at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**CURLEW SANDPIPER** *Calidris ferruginea*

About 150 were counted at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**BROAD-BILLED SANDPIPER** *Calidris falcinellus*

2 birds were seen at SBWR on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and were still present on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** *Pluvialis fulva*

About 50 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)



**GREY PLOVER** *Pluvialis squatarola*

1 was seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**LESSER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius mongolus*

About 250 birds were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**GREATER SAND PLOVER** *Charadrius leschenaulti*

3 seen at SBWR on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) while 2 were seen again on 7/11 (TKH/LWT)

**MALAYSIAN PLOVER** *Charadrius peronii*

2 were seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**RED-WATTLED LAPWING** *Vanellus indicus*

2 were seen at Tuas Grasslands on 18/11 (AC).

**SWIFT TERN** *Sterna bergii*

1 was seen at SBWR on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and 15/11 (LKS), and 6 off Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS).

**OSPREY** *Pandion haliaetus*

1 was seen at SBWR on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and 2 at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS). Another bird was seen at the Changi area on 18/11 (TCG) while the fourth record for the month came from Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**BLACK BAZA** *Aviceda leucophotes*

2 seen at Jurong Lake Park, perched on open branches on 7/11 (SY). 14 were also seen over the Dairy Farm area on 7/11 (PAH). 4 were seen flying over East Coast Park on 14/11 (LKC). Singles were seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 15/11 (BL). 1 bird was seen at at Bidadari on 15/11 (TGC). 4 were seen circling over the Clementi Fire Station on 21/11 and 6 over the Singapore Botanical Gardens on 22/11 (PAH) and 2 at Nanyang Crescent on the same day (HB). 2 birds were seen at the Bidadari Cemetery on 29/11 (FSC). Singles were seen at Henderson Waves on 22/11 (PC/AT).

**CRESTED HONEY-BUZZARD** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*

High counts of 116 and 133 birds were seen migrating over Tuas South on 3/11 and 6/11 respectively (MaS). 2 were seen in flight over Jurong Lake on 7/11 (SY). 1 was seen at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS), a dark morph individual was over the Chinese Gardens on 11/11 (TGC) and 6 were seen over Simpang Grassland on 14/11 (LKS/MP). Another bird was seen in flight over Kent Ridge Park on 26/11 (TKC).

**BLACK-WINGED KITE** *Elanus caeruleus*

2 seen at Tanah Merah grasslands on 1/11 (AC). As many as 4 birds were seen at the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC). At Pulau Semakau, 1 was seen on 28/11 (LKK).

**BRAHMINY KITE** *Haliastur indus*

3 adults and 1 juvenile were seen at the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC).

**GREY-HEADED FISH EAGLE** *Ichthyophaga ichthyaetus*

A juvenile was seen at the Singapore Quarry on 27/11 (MaS). 1 was seen at Little Guilin Park on 25/11 and 29/11 (MT).

**WHITE-BELLIED FISH EAGLE** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

2 was seen at Dairy Farm area on 15/11 (BL). 2 adults and a juvenile bird were also seen at BBNP on the same day.

**SHORT-TOED SNAKE-EAGLE** *Circaetus gallicus*

1 was seen at the Japanese Gardens flying in a south-westerly direction on 8/11 (JS). A pale morph bird was seen flying low over Alexandra Arch on 21/11 (LKS).

**EASTERN MARSH-HARRIER** *Circus spilonotus*

1 seen at Tanah Merah grasslands on 1/11 (AC). 2 adult males and a juvenile were seen in the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC) and at least 2 birds were present on 21/11 (CF) while another was seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**PIED HARRIER** *Circus melanoleucos*

1 juvenile was seen in the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC). An adult male seen on Pulau Semakau on 28/11(LKK) is apparently a first record for the island.

**CHINESE SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter soloensis*

1 was seen chasing a swift/swallow in the evening at Lower Peirce on 3/11 (TGC). 1 was also seen at Jurong Lake on the 7/11 (SY).

**JAPANESE SPARROWHAWK** *Accipiter gularis*

1 was seen at Pulau Ubin on 12/11 (BL). 1 was seen at Chua Chu Kang Cemetery on 15/11 (AOY/KK)

**COMMON BUZZARD** *Buteo buteo*

1 pale morph was seen in flight over BBNP on 22/11 (HF/LBW/YDL). Another was seen over Simpang Grassland on 14/11 (LKS/MP).

**GREY-FACED BUZZARD** *Butastur indicus*

An individual of this increasingly rare migrant raptor was seen in flight over Yishun Industrial Park A (WCC/JL/WH).

**BOOTED EAGLE** *Hieraetus pennatus*

1 dark morph bird was seen at Chinese Gardens on 21/11 (PJ).

**CHANGEABLE HAWK-EAGLE** *Spizaetus cirrhatus*

2 birds were heard at BBNP on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and probably referred to the resident pair there. 1 seen with a prey was being mobbed and chased by a large group of House Crow *Corvus splendens* at the Chinese Gardens on 3/11 (BL). It was noted to have dropped its prey later. Singles was seen at Dairy Farm area on 15/11 (BL). One each of pale and dark morph birds were seen at the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC) as well as a single pale morph bird at BBNP on 21/11 (AOY). 1 was heard at Mt Faber on 21/11 (LKS) and 2 were seen

at Sime Trail, CCNR, on 22/11 (LKS). A dark morph bird was also seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK) and is most likely a disperser from the mainland.

**BLYTH'S HAWK-EAGLE** *Spizaetus alboniger*

An adult was seen at Yishun Industrial Park A, in front of the Yishun Fire Station on 14/11 (MiP/LKS). This is the fourth confirmed record for Singapore.

**PEREGRINE FALCON** *Falco peregrinus*

2 were seen by the lake side at the Japanese Gardens on 8/11 (JS). 1 was seen at Pulau Ubin on 12/11 (BL). Single juveniles were also seen in the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC) and at BBNP on 22/11 (HF/LBW).

**COMMON KESTREL** *Falco tinnunculus*

1 juvenile bird, probably referring to this species was seen at Parc Oasis, near Jurong Lake on 4/11 (PJ).

**LITTLE GREBE** *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

3 seen at the Dairy Farm Quarry on 7/11 included one in breeding plumage (PAH).

**GREAT-BILLED HERON** *Ardea sumatrana*

An individual seen on Jurong Island on 16/11 (LKC), shows signs of adaptability of this species to disturbance in the now heavily developed South-eastern Islands. 1 was seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**PURPLE HERON** *Ardea purpurea*

A juvenile of this increasingly uncommon resident was seen in the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC). 1 was seen at Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**GREAT EGRET** *Casmerodius albus*

2 were seen at Lorong Halus on 16/11 (AC).

**YELLOW-BILLED EGRET**

*Egretta intermedia*

1 seen at the Chinese Gardens on 11/11 (TGC). 1 was seen at Kranji Marsh on 8/11 (LKS).

**LITTLE EGRET** *Egretta garzetta*

4 were seen at Lorong Halus on 16/11 (AC).

**POND HERON** *Ardeola spp.*

3 were seen at Lorong Halus ditch on 16/11 (AC). Up to 21 birds were seen feeding in



Yellow-billed Egret at the Chinese Gardens on 11 Nov by Tan Gim Cheong

the grassy field outside Labrador Park on 30/11 (YDL). 1 was seen at Lorong Halus on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and 1 on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS). All records involved non-breeding birds.

**BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON** *Nycticorax nycticorax*

5 birds were seen resting on a Pong-Pong tree by the Chinese Garden MRT station near Jurong Lake on 7/11 (SY). 4 birds, including 2 juveniles were seen at the Jurong Lake area on 29/11 (SY).

**MALAYAN NIGHT HERON** *Gorsachius melanolophus*

1 juvenile was seen at near Jurong Lake Park on 26/11 (CF/LKC) and again on 27/11 (RC) and 29/11 (SY).

**BLACK BITTERN**

*Dupetor flavicollis*

1 was seen at the Chinese Gardens on 18/11 (PJ) and another clashed landed in downtown near Tanjong Pagar MRT Station (CaL). 1 was also seen at the Lower Peirce Boardwalk on 29/11 (CBL).

**YELLOW BITTERN**

*Ixobrychus sinensis*

2 were seen at Jurong Lake on the 7/11 (SY)

**CINNAMON BITTERN**

*Ixobrychus cinnamomeus*

1 seen at Chua Chu Kang Cemetery on 15/11 (AOY/KK)

**VON SCHRENCK'S BITTERN**

*Ixobrychus eurhythmus*

1 was found alive at First Avenue on 30/11 (JL).

**BLUE-WINGED PITTA**

*Pitta moluccensis*

1 was seen at the Maned Wolf enclosure at the Singapore Zoo on 8/11 (FW). Apparently, a bird was seen at the same location one year ago and probably represent the same individual exhibiting site fidelity.

**HOODED PITTA** *Pitta sordida*

1 was found alive after crashing into a building on Jurong Island, 20/11 (LKC).



Black Bittern at Tanjong Pagar on 15 Nov by Calvin Lee

**TIGER SHRIKE** *Lanius tigrinus*

Juvenile singles were seen at Tuas Grasslands on 18/11 and Lorong Halus on 16/11 (AC).

**BROWN SHRIKE** *Lanius cristatus*

1 seen at the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC).

**ASHY MINIVET** *Pericrocotus divaricatus*

2 birds were present at Changi Creek on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) followed by 2 at BBNP on 7/11 (LKS), 4 at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 8/11 (LKS), 5 at SBWR on 15/11 (LKS), 8 at Mt Faber on 21/11 (LKS) and 6 on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS). 2 birds were also heard at Jurong Lake Park on 26/11 (LBW/YDL).

**CROW-BILLED DRONGO** *Dicrurus annectans*

1 first winter bird was seen at Venus Drive on 26/11 (SWS).

**EYE-BROWED THRUSH** *Turdus obscurus*

1 was seen at the Dairy Farm area on 28/11 (BL).



Eye-browed Thrush at Dairy Farm area on 28 Nov by Ben Lee

**ASIAN PARADISE FLYCATCHER** *Terpsiphone paradisi*

1 was seen at BBNP on 27/11 (SY).

**ASIAN BROWN FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa dauurica*

2 birds were seen in the Chinese Garden area on 7/11 (SY) and 11/11 (TGC). 1 bird was seen at Yishun and another at Bidadari on 15/11 (TGC). 2 birds were seen at the Tuas

Grassland on 18/11 (AC). 1 seen at BBNP on 18/11 (LKS) was seen aggressively guarding its territory and chasing of a female Mugimaki Flycatcher *Ficedula mugimaki*.

**DARK-SIDED FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa sibirica*

1 was seen at the BTNR summit on 8/11 (YDL).

**FERRUGINOUS FLYCATCHER** *Muscicapa ferruginea*

1 was seen at Venus Drive on 26/11 (SWS).

**YELLOW-RUMPED FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula zanthopygia*

.4 females were seen at Tuas Grasslands on 18/11 (AC). 1 female was seen at the Jurong Lake area on 29/11 (SY).

**MUGIMAKI FLYCATCHER** *Ficedula mugimaki*

2 females were seen at the BTNR summit on 8/11 (GS/TPw/YDL). A female was seen at BBNP on 18/11 disputing territory with an Asian Brown Flycatcher (LKS). A male was seen at Kent Ridge Park on 26/11 (SWS) while another, apparently a first winter bird was seen at Bidadar Cemetery on 28/11 (LWT/TKH).

**BLUE-AND-WHITE FLYCATCHER** *Cyanoptila cyanomelana*

1 male was seen at BBNP on 12/11 (WC). Another individual, possibly the same bird was seen at BBNP on 18/11 (LKS), 21/11 (AOY) and 27/11 (SY). Single first winter males were seen at Kent Ridge Park and Venus Drive respectively on 23/11 (SWS).



Male Blue-and-white Flycatcher at Bukit Batok Nature Park on 12 Nov by Wing Chong

**SIBERIAN BLUE ROBIN** *Luscinia cyane*

2 were heard at Sime Trail, CCNR, on 22/11 (LKS).

**DAURIAN STARLING** *Sturnus sturninus*

At least 40 birds were seen at the Chua Chu Kang Cemetery on 19/11 (AC). 2 birds were seen at the Jurong Lake area on 29/11 (SY). Another 2 birds were seen at SBWR on 15/11 (LKS).

**ROSY STARLING** *Sturnus roseus*

An adult was seen associating with a White-vented Myna *Acridotheres javanicus* on Jurong Island on 16/11 (LKC).

**ASIAN HOUSE MARTIN** *Delichon dasypus*

A presumed juvenile was seen hunting over Labrador Park in the company of Barn Swallows *Hirundo rustica* on 30/11 (YDL/TYS).

**STRAW-HEADED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus zeylanicus*

At BBNP, 4 birds were seen on 1/11 (JdH/LKS) and a pair on 7/11 (LKS). 3 birds were also seen on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS).

**ASIAN RED-EYED BULBUL** *Pycnonotus brunneus*

4 were seen in a flowering *Macaranga* tree at BBNP on 22/11 (YDL). 2 were seen there on 27/11 (SY).

**STREAKED BULBUL** *Ixos malaccensis*

1 was seen at BBNP on 20/11 (BL), 21/11 (AOY) and 22/11 (HF/LBW/YDL). Frequently thought to be a wanderer from Malaysia, there is a likelihood that an undiscovered population of this rare bulbul exists in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve.

**ASHY BULBUL** *Hemixos flavala*

6 were seen at BBNP on 22/11 (HF/LBW/YDL). 3 were seen at Kent Ridge Park on 23/11 (SWS).

**PALLAS' S GRASSHOPPER WARBLER** *Locustella certhiola*

At least 2 birds were heard at Tanah Merah grasslands on 1/11 (AC).

**ORIENTAL REED WARBLER** *Acrocephalus orientalis*

'Some' heard in thickets and scrubs at Tanah Merah grasslands on 1/11 (AC) and Pulau Semakau on 28/11 (LKK).

**RUFOUS-TAILED TAILORBIRD** *Orthotomus sericeus*

1 was seen at Jurong Lake on 7/11 (SY).

**ASHY TAILORBIRD** *Orthotomus ruficeps*

1 was seen at Jurong Lake on 7/11 (SY).

**ARCTIC WARBLER** *Phylloscopus borealis*

A total of six birds seen in a Yellow Flame tree along Bukit Batok Avenue 6 on 7/11 (YDL). 1 bird was seen at Yishun and another at Bidadari on 15/11 (TGC).

**CHESTNUT-WINGED BABBLER** *Stachyris erythroptera*

2 were seen at Sime Trail, CCNR, on 22/11 (LKS).

**YELLOW-VENTED FLOWERPECKER** *Dicaeum chrysorrheum*

2 were seen feeding in a clump of mistletoe at BBNP (HF/LBW/YDL).

**COPPER-THROATED SUNBIRD** *Nectarinia calcostetha*

1 was seen at SBWR on 15/11 (LKS).

**FOREST WAGTAIL** *Dendronanthus indicus*

1 was seen at Venus Drive on 26/11 (SWS).

**YELLOW WAGTAIL** *Motacilla flava*

1 of the race *macronyx* was seen at Kranji Marsh on 8/11 (LKS).

**GREY WAGTAIL** *Motacilla cinerea*

1 individual was seen in a drainage canal along Bukit Batok Avenue 6 on 7/11 (YDL).

**BAYA WEAVER** *Ploceus philippinus*

15 birds (all non-breeding) flushed from grassland at Lorong Halus on 1/11 (JdH/LKS).

**BLACK-HEADED MUNIA** *Lonchura malacca*

A number of small flocks were seen at the Changi area on 18/11 (TGC).

**WHITE-RUMPED MUNIA** *Lonchura striata*

A flock of 5 birds seen feeding on roadside *Panicum* grass on Pulau Ubin on 29/11 (LKS). This species appears to have declined drastically in recent years and is now seldom recorded.

## NESTING REPORT

**WHITE-BELLIED SEA EAGLE** *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

1 of a pair seen collecting twigs at a tower at BBNP on 1/11 (JdH/LKS). On 7/11 (LKS), both were seen with twigs but the nest could not be seen.

**GREY HERON** *Ardea cinerea*

At the Ubin heronry, 8 active nests were seen on 29/11 (LKS) with most birds apparently incubating

## ESCAPEES

**MILKY STORK** *Mycteria cinerea*

1 was seen flying over SBWR on 15/11 (LKS).



## Autumn Raptor Migration Report 2<sup>nd</sup> year, Full-day Raptor Count - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Compiled by: Alan OwYong, Edited by: Kenneth Kee



A flock of **84** Black Bazas migrating over Tuas South, witnessed and photographed by Martti Siponen.

The star raptor of the day was the pale morph **Short-toed Snake Eagle** *Circaetus gallicus* picked out by John Spencer at 11.20 am flying over the Japanese Garden. This very rare passage migrant will be the eighth confirmed record if accepted by the Records Committee (RC). Not to be outdone, Danny Lau, Kok Hui and Con Foley counted not one but three **Booted Eagles** *Hieraetus pennatus* at the Western Catchment, a new location for this year. This was another very rare passage migrant and if accepted by the RC will be the ninth confirmed records so far. Last year they had the same species over at Punggol. Well done guys and please submit your detailed notes and descriptions to the RC's Chairman, Lim Kim Seng for review and acceptance.

Martti Siponen had the largest flock of 84 **Black Bazas** *Aviceda leuphotes* migrating over at Tuas South at 2.30 pm. His amazing photo of the whole flock graced the cover of this report. Another large flock of 50 **Black Bazas** was reported by Lim Kim Keang over at Tanah Merah Coastal Road at 2.24 pm just a few minutes earlier. This was a good indication that they were migrating through both sides of the main island.

The total count for the day was **706** with 610 migrants and 96 residents (See Table 1 & 2). We recorded 9 migrant species and 5 residents. Last year, we had 6 migrants and 4 residents totaling 106 raptors with **Black Bazas** topping at 22. This year the **Black**

**Bazas** was again the highest with a huge count of **328**, more than half of the total migrant count! **Oriental Honey Buzzards** *Pernis ptilorhynchus* was the second highest at **174** with **Japanese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter gularis* making the top three at **57**. These three species accounted for **91.6%** of all migrating raptors.

Tuas South had the highest count of 204 with 186 migrants and 18 residents (See Table 3). Martti also reported an unusual concentration of 18 **Brahminy Kites** *Haliastur indus* seen over the morning. **Brahminy Kite** also topped the resident list with 64 birds counted.

Lim Kim Keang did the count at the Tanah Merah Coastal Road near to the New Water Plant as Changi Cove was not assessable. It was a big surprise this year with the second highest count of 159 raptors boosted by 117 **Black Bazas**. Japanese Garden and Kent Ridge Park also had high counts of 94 and 89 respectively. The raptors seemed to avoid flying over Lorong Halus which had a low count of 10. Over at Sembawang, the count was saved by a lone Black Baza. The rest of the locations came in with numbers from 24 to 51.

Peter Jones was kind enough to drive across the causeway to Kukup, Johor to do a comparative count. He had 64 **Oriental Honey Buzzards**, including a flock of 42 flying westwards off the mainland, 4 **Japanese Sparrowhawks**, 3 **Chinese Sparrowhawks**, 1 **Black Baza**, 2 **White-bellied Sea Eagles** and 2 **Changeable Hawk-eagles**.

We want to thank all the 47 leaders and participants for spending their Sundays in the hot sun counting the raptors. This was a higher turnout compared to last year's total of 37. Staff from the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve and several senior management personnel from National Parks Board also participated in the count this year. The following fantastic people led or assisted in the raptor count and made it a tremendous success. See you all in 2010:

Ali Jaffar, Alan OwYong, Sunny Yeo, Tom Yuan, Mike Bush, Joey Chew, Benjamin Lee, Shumin, Toh Yuet Hsin, Hah Yan Yun, Eric Siah, Kenneth Kee, Horst Flotow, Peter Cheng, Mike Price, Eva Conellan, Lim Kim Keang, Tan Siew Kwang, Lim Poh Bee, Martti Siponen, Linda Oei, Lioe Kim Swee, Doreen Ang, Chung Cheong, Francis Tan & family, Aloysius and wife, Abdul Kadir, Low Wai Hoe, John Spencer, Ben Lee, Pui Cuifen, Yong Ding Li, Gloria Seow, Timothy Pwee, Surajkumar Shetty, Danny Lau, Kok Hui, Con Foley, Ramakrishnan Kolandavelu, Khalid, Bari, Lim Kim Chuah, Margie Hall, Peck Chan, Eileen, Sau Cheng.

Table 1 : Summary of Count (Migrants and NBV)

S/N	Species	Count
1	Black Baza	328
2	Oriental Honey Buzzard	174
3	Japanese Sparrowhawk	57
4	Chinese Sparrowhawk	8
5	Eastern Marsh Harrier	6
6	Peregrine Falcon	5
7	Booted Eagle	3
8	Osprey	3
9	Short-toed Snake Eagle	1
10	Unidentified Accipiter	8
11	Unidentified Eagle	17
	Total	610

Table 2 : Summary of Count (Residents)

S/N	Species	Count
1	Brahminy Kite	64
2	White-bellied Sea Eagle	20
3	Changeable Hawk-eagle	8
4	Black-winged Kite	3
5	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	1
	Total	96

Table 3 : Locations Count

	Tuas South	Tanah Merah	Japanese Garden	Kent Ridge	Western Catchment
Migrants	186	153	87	70	36
Residents	18	6	7	19	15
Total	204	159	94	89	51

	Telok Blangah	Sungei Buloh	Bukit Timah	Lorong Halus	Sembawang
Migrants	28	24	21	4	1
Residents	12	10	3	6	0
Total	40	34	24	10	1

## Singapore Raptor Report Autumn Migration, November 2009

Compiled by Alan OwYong, Edited by Kenneth Kee

### Summary

When we first started compiling the migrating raptors in 2007, we were hoping for numbers in the hundred. But this month's total count of 2,028 raptors completely blew us away. More than 78% were **Oriental Honey Buzzards** (OHBs) with 1,249 migrating down through Tuas South, diligently counted by Martti Siponen over 17 days. On the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, he counted 325 and 374 OHBs respectively. This was matched by Kim Keang's count at Simei Savannah Condo of 216 OHBs migrating eastwards on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Black Bazas came in a distance second with 224 recorded while the **Japanese Sparrowhawks** made a surprised tally of 71, with a high count of 21 migrating over Tuas on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We had 11 migrant species and 2 non-breeding visitors. Pete Jones photographed a **Common Kestrel**, a rare winter visitor from his Jurong Condo on 4<sup>th</sup>, a first for Jurong. Mick Price had a surprised find of a perched **Blyth's Hawk-eagle**, a non breeding visitor, at Simpang Grasslands on the 4<sup>th</sup>. This was only the 4<sup>th</sup> record after another adult recorded at Mount Faber on 3 February 2003. Lim Kim Keang recorded a **Pied Harrier**, a rare winter visitor at Pulau Semakau, a new location record for this *Circus* species. We did not include the counts recorded during the Raptor Watch on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov in this report. Please see Page 13 for the Report.



Adult *japonensis* Peregrine Falcon at Changi Cove photographed by Lee Tiah Khee

**Table 1**

S/N	Species	Total	S/N	Species	Total
1	Oriental Honey Buzzard ( <i>Pernis ptilorhyncus</i> )	1587	9	Pied Harrier ( <i>Circus melanoleucos</i> )	2
2	Black Baza ( <i>Aviceda leuphotes</i> )	224	10	Grey-faced Buzzard ( <i>Butastur indicus</i> )	5
3	Peregrine Falcon ( <i>Falco peregrinus</i> )	11	11	Booted Eagle ( <i>Hieraaetus pennatus</i> )	1
4	Japanese Sparrowhawk ( <i>Accipiter gularis</i> )	71	12	Blyth's Hawk-eagle ( <i>Spizaetus alboniger</i> )	1
5	Chinese Sparrowhawk ( <i>Accipiter soloensis</i> )	10	13	Common Kestrel ( <i>Falco tinnunculus</i> )	1
6	Osprey ( <i>Pandion haliaetus</i> )	10	14	Raptor Species	32
7	Eastern Marsh Harrier ( <i>Circus spilonotus</i> )	9	15	Accipiter Species	60
8	Common Buzzard ( <i>Buteo buteo</i> )	4		GRAND TOTAL	2028

Note: The total numbers are indicative only with similar species in the same area discounted to prevent duplication.

**1. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (1587)**



An Oriental Honey Buzzard photographed by KC Tsang from his bedroom's window!

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Jurong Lake	1	Sunny Yeo
1	Tuas	1	Martti Siponen
1	Singapore Quarry	2	Martti Siponen
1	CCK Cemeteries	5	Danny Lau
2	Flying over Telok Blangah	1	John Spencer
2	Upper Serangoon. Photo taken, see above	1	KC Tsang
3	<b>Tuas South heading ESE direction</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>Martti Siponen</b>

4	Flying over Telok Blangah	1	John Spencer
4	Tuas South Lane 1	12	Martti Siponen
4	Jurong Lake Condo.	1	Pete Jones
5	Tuas South Lane 1	29	Martti Siponen
6	<b>Tuas South (Within 45 minutes -133)</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>Martti Siponen</b>
7	Flying over Jurong Lake	2	Sunny Yeo
7	Flying over Telok Blangah	1	John Spencer
7	<b>Tuas South over one morning</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>Martti Siponen</b>
7	Lorong Halus	3	SC Fang
7	Jurong Lake Condo	5	Pete Jones
8	Kranji	1	Kim Seng
9	Tuas South Lane 1	38	Martti Siponen
10	Jurong Lake Condo. 30 in one flock	43	Pete Jones
10	Tuas South Lane 1	4	Martti Siponen
11	Japanese Gardens, dark morph	1	Gim Cheong
11	Tuas South Lane 1	67	Martti Siponen
12	Pulau Ubin	1	Ben Lee
12	Simei Savannah Condo, dark morph	1	Kim Keang
13	Tuas South Lane 1	3	Martti Siponen
14	Jurong Lake Condo	9	Pete Jones
14	<b>Simei Savannah Condo, largest flock of 54</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>Kim Keang</b>
14	Simpang Grasslands	4	Mick Price
14	Changi Coastal Road	1	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
14	<b>Tuas Grasslands, flocks up to 60 thermaling</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Martti, Kok Hui &amp; Danny</b>
15	CCK Cemeteries	6	Alan and Kenneth
15	Simei Savannah Condo, high up flying N.East	1	Kim Keang
15	Sungei Buloh WR	1	Ben Lee
15	Tuas South Ave 12	20	Martti Siponen
16	Simei Savannah Condo, flying East	4	Kim Keang
17	<b>Tuas Grasslands</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>Martti Siponen</b>
18	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
18	Tuas South Lane 1	7	Martti Siponen
19	One dark morph perched	1	Angie Ng
20	Serangoon North	2	SC Fang
20	Tuas South Lane 1	2	Martti Siponen
21	Jurong Lake Condo	2	Pete Jones
21	West Coast Park, dark morph, chased by bees	1	SC Fang
21	Flying towards Bidadari Cemetery	1	Lean Chow
21	Simpang Grasslands	3	Mick Price
21	Tuas View Drive	9	Martti Siponen
22	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
22	CCK Cemeteries	1	NSS Bird trip
22	Tuas Grasslands	2	Martti Siponen

24	Nee Soon Rd. 1 dark and 1 pale morph	2	Kim Keang
25	Jurong Lake Condo	3	Pete Jones
26	Bishan	1	Sun Chong Hong
26	Flying over Kent Ridge	1	KC Tsang
26	Tuas South Lane 1	6	Martti Siponen
27	Savannah Condo, flying south 1 dark & 1 pale	2	Kim Keang
28	Kranji Reservoir	6	Martti Siponen
29	Jurong Lake Condo	3	Pete Jones
29	Sengkang	2	Kok Hui
29	Singapore Quarry	3	Martti Siponen

**2. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (224)**



Black Baza at NTU Nanyang Crescent by Howard Banwell

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
6	Tuas South Ave 12	8	Martti Siponen
7	Jurong Lake, perched	2	Sunny Yeo
7	Tuas	27	Martti Siponen
7	Bukit Batok Nature Park, thermaling	1	Kim Seng
7	Dairy Farm, flying overhead	1	Peng Ah Huay
7	NSRCC at Kranji	1	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
7	Tuas South West Drive	27	Martti Siponen
8	Kranji Marshes	3	Kim Seng
10	Jurong Lake Condo	3	Pete Jones
11	Jurong Lake Condo	5	Pete Jones
11	Tuas South Lane 1	7	Martti Siponen
12	Pulau Ubin	5	Ben Lee
12	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
12	Simei Savannah Condo, flying SE	3	Kim Keang
14	East Coast Park, flying East	4	Kim Chuah
14	Simpang Grasslands	6	Mick Price

15	Simpang Grasslands	1	Chung Cheong
15	Bidadari Cemetery	1	Gim Cheong
15	Sungei Buloh WR	2	Kim Seng
15	Sungei Buloh WR, perched	1	Ben Lee
15	Sungei Buloh WR	2	Kim Seng
15	Tuas South Ave 12	3	Martti Siponen
18	Jurong Lake Condo	2	Pete Jones
18	Neo Tiew Lane	1	Kok Hui & Soo Yen
19	Tuas South Lane 1	1	Martti Siponen
21	West Coast Park	1	SC Fang
21	Circling Clementi Forest	4	Peng Ah Huay
21	Simpang Grasslands	8	Mick Price
21	Changi Cove	20	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
21	Punggol Grasslands	2	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
22	NTU Nanyang Crescent. Photo taken	2	Howard Banwell
22	Swan Lake Botanic Gardens, circling	4	Peng Ah Huay
22	Henderson Bridge, Telok Blangah	5	Kenneth Kee
22	CCK Cemeteries	5	NSS Bird outing
22	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
22	Sengkang	1	Kok Hui
26	Chinese Garden MRT, roost	2	Kim Keang
27	Changi Grasslands	5	Howard Banwell, Poh Bee and friends.
27	Poyan	2	Kok Hui & Con Foley
28	Dairy Farm, flying and perched	14	Ben Lee
28	Singapore Quarry	15	Jeremy Lewis
28	Tuas	1	Martti and Pete Jones
28	Kranji	2	Martti and Pete Jones
28	Bidadari Cemetery	1	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
29	Bidadari Cemetery	2	SC Fang
29	Kranji Marshes	8	Alan, Kenneth and Alfred

### 3. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (11)

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Bishan, seen almost daily	1	Sun Chong Hong
4	Jurong Lake Park	1	Pete Jones
7	Neo Tiew Lane	1	Soo Yen & Friends
7	Tuas	1	Martti Siponen
9	Changi Cove. Photo taken. See cover page.	1	Lee Tiah Khee



12	Pulau Ubin	1	Ben Lee
18	Changi Cove, juvenile	1	Gim Cheong & Kok Hui
22	Bukit Batok Tower	1	Albert Low and Horst Flotow
18	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
8	Jurong Lakeside	1	Jeremy Lewis
29	Kranji	1	Alan, Kenneth and Alfred
21	Changi Cove	1	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
14	Changi Grasslands	1	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
14	Savannah Condo, migrating East	2	Kim Keang

#### 4. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (71)

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
3	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
4	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
6	Alexander Road, flying NW	1	John Spencer
7	<b>Tuas South, on migration</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Martti Siponen</b>
7	Bukit Batok Nature Park	1	Kim Seng
10	Jurong Lake Condo	5	Pete Jones
12	Pulau Ubin	1	Ben Lee
12	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
12	Savannah Condo, flying SE	2	Kim Keang
14	Simpang Grasslands	3	Mick Price
14	Jurong Lake Condo	2	Pete Jones
14	Neo Tiew Lane, bird in talons	1	Soo Yen & friends
14	Savannah Condo, migrating	8	Kim Keang
14	Tuas Grasslands	3	Martti Siponen
15	CCK Cemeteries	1	Kenneth and Alan
15	Dairy Farm	3	Ben Lee
15	Jurong Lake Condo	3	Pete Jones
17	Tuas Grasslands	5	Martti Siponen
21	Simpang Grasslands	3	Mick Price
27	Savannah Condo, flying south	1	Kim Keang
28	Tuas South	1	Martti Siponen
29	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
29	Singapore Quarry	1	Martti Siponen

**5. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (10)**

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Jurong Lake Condo	2	Pete Jones
3	Lower Pierce, chased and caught a swiftlet	1	Gim Cheong
7	Jurong Lake, perched	1	Sunny Yeo
7	Tuas West Drive	2	Martti Siponen
10	Jurong Lake Condo	2	Pete Jones
14	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
15	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones

**6. Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (10)**

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Sungei Buloh WR	1	Horst Flotow
7	Neo Tiew Lane	1	Soo Yen & friends
8	Jurong Lakeside	1	Jeremy Lewis
14	Neo Tiew Lane	1	Soo Yen & friends
18	Changi Cove	1	Gim Cheong & Kok Hui
21	Simpang Grasslands	1	Mick Price
22	CCK Cemeteries	1	NSS Bird Outing
28	Pulau Semakau, heading South	1	Kim Keang
28	Kranji Marshes	2	Martti & Pete Jones
29	Kranji Marshes	3	Alan, Kenneth & Alfred

**7. Eastern Marsh Harrier *Circus spilonotus* (9)**



Eastern Marsh Harrier gliding over Changi Cove by Lee Tiah Khee

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Tanah Merah Grasslands	1	Alfred Chia
7	Pulau Semakau	1	Gim Cheong
9	Changi Cove. Photos taken. 2F & 1M	3	Lee Tiah Khee
14	Changi, 1 Sub-adult & 1 Juv	2	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
17	Tanah Merah Grasslands	3	Kim Keang
18	Changi Cove, 2 adults & 2 Juv	4	Gim Cheong & Kok Hui
21	Simpang Grasslands	1	Mick Price
21	Changi Cove, 1 Juv & 1 Sub-adult	2	Kok Hui & Danny Lau
28	Pulau Semakau, 1 male	1	Kim Keang

### 8. Common Buzzard *Buteo buteo* (4)

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
7	Tuas South	1	Martti Siponen
10	Jurong Lake Condo	2	Pete Jones
18	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
21	Jurong Lake Condo	1	Pete Jones
22	Bukit Batok. Pale morph soaring	1	Ding Li

### 9. Pied Harrier *Circus melanoleucos* (2)

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
14	Changi Grasslands, juvenile	1	Kok Hui and Danny
18	Changi Cove, juvenile	1	Gim Cheong and Kok Hui
28	Pulau Semakau, male - first for the island	1	Kim Keang

### 10. Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (5)

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
7	Tuas South and West Drive	4	Martti Siponen
11	Tuas South lane 1	2	Martti Siponen
14	Tuas Grasslands	3	Martti Siponen
15	Tuas Grasslands	2	Martti Siponen
15	Simpang Grasslands, photo in flight	1	Chung Cheong

### 11. Booted Eagle *Hieraaetus pennatus* (1)

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
21	Japanese Garden, flying SW, dark morph	1	Pete Jones

**12. Blyth's Hawk-Eagle *Spizaetus alboniger* (1)**

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
14	Simpang Grasslands, perched on low branch	1	Mick Price and Kim Seng

**13. Common Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* (1)**

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
4	Jurong Lakeside Condo, photo taken	1	Pete Jones

**14. Unidentified Raptors (32)**

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
7	Lorong Halus	1	SC Fang
8	Sentosa, large dark coloured	1	Gim Cheong
21	Bukit Batok, buzzard-liked raptor	1	Alan OwYong
27	Tanah Merah, flying past Sports Centre	1	Howard Banwell, Poh Bee & friends
Various	Mainly over Tuas on 9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> .	28	Martti Siponen

**15. Unidentified *Accipiter* Species (60)**

Date	Location and Details	No.	Submitted by
1	Simpang Grasslands	2	Martti Siponen
17	Tanah Merah Grasslands	4	Kim Keang
28	A large accipiter (P.Falcon?) seen chasing a Black-winged Kite across P. Semakau	1	Kim Keang
Various	Spread over 11 days of November	53	Martti Siponen

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**Note:**

The numbers besides the bird name indicates the total number seen for this month. Different reports of the same raptors from the same area are discounted to prevent duplication. Many thanks to those who sent in their reports and especially to Lee Tiah Khee, KC Tsang and Howard Banwell for the use of their photographs.