

Singapore Raptor Report Late Spring Migration 2010 (April-May)

Summary:

The 30 Japanese Sparrowhawks counted by Martti Siponen over a 2 hr period from 1100-1300 hrs on 11 April 2010 flying high on a northeasterly heading over Tuas was the largest stream of Japanese Sparrowhawks ever counted since records started 3 seasons ago. Most of the other migrants had already left and we only had 1 Osprey, 1 Black Baza, a few Oriental Honey Buzzards and a few Peregrine Falcons.



Peregrine Falcon at Japanese Gardens feeding on avian prey, by Low Choon How.

Migrants

Osprey

1 seen at Kranji on 07 Apr 10 by Lee Tiah Kee.

Black Baza

1 seen at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on 04 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng.

Oriental Honey Buzzard

1 light morph individual seen and photographed at Neo Tiew Road on 10 Apr 10 Raj Krishnan.

1 seen flying over Lorong Halus on 24 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.

2 seen at Rifle Range Trail by Tsang Kwok Choong. Appears to be resident race.

Japanese Sparrowhawk

- 3 seen at Lorong Halus on 02 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.
- 4 seen at Lorong Halus on 10 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.
- 30 seen flying high on passage over Tuas View Lane on 11 Apr 10 from 1100-1300H by Martti Siponen . They were on a northeasterly heading.
- 2 seen circling at Western Catchment on 21 May 10 by Lau Jia Sheng.

Peregrine Falcon

- 1 seen at Kranji on 07 Apr 10 by Lee Tiah Kee.
- 1 seen and photographed inside Japanese Gardens on 14 Apr 10 by Low Choon How.
- 1 seen at Tuas View Lane on 11 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 1 seen at Tuas View Lane on 16 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 1 seen at Bishan on 06 May 10 by Sun Chong Hong.

Unidentified Raptors

- 1 unidentified Harrier seen at Changi Cove on 07 Apr 10 by Ben Lee.
- 5 unidentified *Accipiters* seen migrating high in the sky in a northeasterly direction at Tuas View Lane on 11 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 1 unidentified raptor seen Tuas on 17 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 1 unidentified raptor seen at Changi Cove on 09 May 10 by Ben Lee.
- 1 unidentified *Accipiter* seen at Chek Jawa on 22 May 10 by Lau Jia Sheng.

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite

- 1 seen at Kranji on 07 Apr 10 by Lee Tiah Kee.
- 1 seen at Changi Cove on 07 Apr 10 and 18 Apr 10 by Ben Lee.
- 1 being attacked by a White-bellied Sea Eagle for its prey at Lorong Halus on 10 Apr 10, seen by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.
- 1 seen at Tuas on 17 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 2 seen at Lorong Halus on 17 Apr 10. 1 of them was feeding on a rodent. Reported by Howard Banwell, Jimmy & Fance Lee, Janet Lim and Randal Cheng.
- 1 seen at Changi Cove on 09 May 10 by Ben Lee.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle

- 1 adult seen at Singapore Quarry on 03 Apr 10 at mid-day by Mike Bush and Jeanne Miller.
- 1 sub-adult seen at Singapore Quarry on 18 Apr 10 and 25 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 2 were seen perched side by side by Lee Tiah Kee at Kranji on 30 Apr 10.
- 1 adult seen at Burgundy Hill estate by Doreen Ang.

Crested Serpent Eagle

- 1 adult seen by Joanna Xue (and photographed by Tan Bak Wei) perched on a lamp post near the Teacher's Estate on 04 Apr 10 afternoon.



Crested Serpent Eagle at Teacher's Estate, by Tan Bak Wei.

Changeable Hawk-eagle

- 1 heard at Lorong Halus on 02 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.
- 1 dark morph seen at Singapore Quarry on 03 Apr 10 by Mike Bush and Jeanne Miller.
- 1 dark morph seen at Lorong Halus on 07 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng.
- 1 juvenile seen at Lorong Halus on 17 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.
- 3 seen (1 dark, 1 pale morph and 1 immature) at Singapore Quarry on 18 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 1 heard at Singapore Quarry on 20 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng.
- 1 seen at the foot of Bukit Timah Nature Reserve on 23 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng.
- 1 juvenile seen at Lorong Halus on 24 Apr 10 by Lim Kim Seng and Yong Ding Li.
- 1 was seen at Kranji on 30 Apr 10 by Lee Tiah Kee.
- 1 heard on 06, 19 and 25 April 10 by Ulf Remahl.
- 1 light morph seen in an Albizzia tree at King's Avenue on 25 Apr 10 by Margie Hall.
- 1 dark and 1 pale morph seen at Singapore Quarry on 25 Apr 10 by Martti Siponen.
- 1 dark morph seen at Dairy Farm on 23 May 10 by Ben Lee.

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