

Singapore Autumn Raptor Migration - Early Arrivals July - September 2010.

Summary:

The 15 Japanese Sparrowhawks reported in September was the most numerous early arriving migrant raptors. This was preceded by two Oriental Honey Buzzards – one in August and one in September. The adult Rufous-bellied Eagle which turned up on 31 July set a new early date for this rare visitor. There were two Osprey sightings – the early one in July could either be a non-breeding visitor or an overstaying migrant.

1. Osprey

Lee Tiah Kee photographed 1 at Kranji Reservoir on 2 July. David Li reported 1 Osprey at Mandai Mudflats during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 September. The Osprey is both a migrant and non-breeding visitor to Singapore.

2. Oriental Honey Buzzard

KC Tsang reported an OHB in front of his kitchen on 19 August at Serangoon for the second year running. Andrew Chow reported 1 OHB at Bukit Batok Nature Park during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 September.

3. Japanese Sparrowhawk

On 18 September, Martii Siponen saw 4 of these birds on migration at Tuas while Mick Price saw 1 flying overhead at Pasir Ris and Tan Kok Hui reported 1 at Changi. On 19 September, Martii Siponen saw 9 of these birds on migration at Tuas.

4. Rufous-bellied Eagle

Fang Sher Chyet saw and photographed an adult in flight at Singapore Botanic Gardens on 31 July during the practical session of a nature photo course! This record sets the early date back by 4 days (from 4 August)! This species is generally thought to be sedentary, though some authors consider it a partial migrant.



Adult Rufous-bellied Eagle flying over Singapore Botanic Gardens, 31 July 2010.
Photo by Fang Sher Chyet.

Resident Raptors

Black-winged Kite

Tan Kok Hui reported 1 perched at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 21 Aug.

Doreen Ang spotted 1 at Tuas on 19 Sep.

Tan Kok Hui reported 4 at Changi on 18 Sep.

Brahminy Kite

Lee Tiah Kee reported 1 at Kranji Reservoir on 2 Jul .

Alfred Chia reported 1 at Lorong Halus during the Mid Year Bird Census on 18 Jul.

Jeremy Lewis reported 2 at Chinese Gardens on 4 Sep.

Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at SBWR on 4 Sep.

Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at Chinese Gardens on 10 Sep.

Willy Foo reported 2 at Ubin West during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Lim Kim Keang reported 3 at Ubin Central during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Tan Kok Hui reported 2 at Sungei Serangoon during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Tan Kok Hui reported 2 at Changi on 18 Sep.

Doreen Ang spotted 2 adults and 1 juvenile at Tuas on 19 Sep.

White-bellied Sea Eagle

Lee Tiah Kee reported 1 at Kranji Reservoir on 2 Jul .

Tan Ju Lin reported 1 at BTNR during the Mid Year Bird Census on 18 Jul.

Alfred Chia reported 2 at Lorong Halus during the Mid Year Bird Census on 18 Jul.

Willy Foo reported 5 at Ubin West during the Mid Year Bird Census on 18 Jul.

Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at SBWR on 28 Aug.

Jeremy Lewis reported 2 at Chinese Gardens on 4 Sep.

Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at Chinese Gardens on 10 Sep.

Willy Foo reported 1 at Ubin West during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Wong Chung Cheong reported 3 at Pasir Ris Park during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Lim Kim Keang reported 1 at Ubin Central during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at Kent Ridge Park during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Tan Kok Hui reported 1 at Sungei Serangoon during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.

Tan Kok Hui reported 2 at Changi on 18 Sep.

Jeremy Lewis reported 3 at Tampines Woods during an NSS Outing on 19 Sep.

Doreen Ang spotted 2 adults at Tuas on 19 Sep.

Jeremy Lewis reported 2 at Kranji Marsh during an NSS Outing on 26 Sep.

Grey-headed Fish Eagle

Fance & Jimmy Lee reported 1 perched on a dead tree at Mandai Road on 01 Aug.
Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at SBWR on 28 Aug.

Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at BBNP on 11 Sep.
Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at Neo Tiew Lane / Kranji Marsh during an NSS Outing on 26 Sep.

Crested Serpent Eagle

Margie Hall saw 1 at King's Avenue on 12 Jul and heard 1 on 24 Jul.

Tan Kok Hui heard 1 at Mandai Road on 4 Sep.

Crested Goshawk

Margie Hall saw a probably individual in poor light at King's Avenue on 24 Jul.

I'll make the exception of including one record from the month of June since it is of significance as this species is a rarity! Yong Ding Li saw an adult Crested Goshawk at Mandai Lake on 20 Jun morning.

Changeable Hawk-eagle

Tan Ju Lin reported 1 at BTNR during the Mid Year Bird Census on 18 Jul.
Andrew Chow reported 1 at BBNP during the Mid Year Bird Census on 18 Jul.
Tan Kok Hui reported 1 perched at Kranji Reservoir and 1 heard at Neo Tiew Lane 2 on 21 Aug.
Tan Kok Hui heard 1 at Woodlands on 25 Aug.

Tan Kok Hui reported hearing 2 at Mandai Road on 4 Sep.
Danny Lau reported 2 (1 pale and 1 dark adult) at Mandai Hill Camp on 5 Sep.
Danny Lau reported 3 (1 dark and 2 pale) at Poyan during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.
Willy Foo reported 1 at Ubin West during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.
Lim Kim Keang reported 2 at Ubin Central during the Fall Migration Bird Census on 12 Sep.
Tan Kok Hui heard 1 at Woodlands on 15 Sep.
Tan Kok Hui reported 3 (1 dark, 1 pale and 1 juv. pale) at Changi on 18 Sep.
Jeremy Lewis reported 3 at Tampines Woods during an NSS Outing on 19 Sep.
Jeremy Lewis reported 1 at Neo Tiew Lane during an NSS Outing on 26 Sep.
Doreen Ang spotted 1 pale morph individual at Telok Blangah Hill Park on 28 Sep.

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