

Singapore Raptor Report February 2022



Black Baza, at Nanyang Crescent, 6 Feb 2022, by Chen Boon Chong

Summary for migrant species:

In February 2022, 156 raptors of eleven migrant species were recorded. The highlight is the report of a **Short-eared Owl** *Asio flammeus* at Yishun Dam on the first weekend of the month. The juvenile **Black Kite** *Milvus migrans* at Neo Tiew area was still around until the 20th, and the juvenile **Grey-faced Buzzard** *Butastur indicus* wintering at Telok Blangah Hill Park was still around on the 25th.

Two **Rufous-bellied Eagles** *Lophotriorchis kienerii* were recorded – the sub-adult from last month was recorded on the 2nd & 3rd at the Jalan Asas area, while a newly arrived juvenile was recorded at the same area throughout the month. Only three **Chinese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter soloensis* were recorded – the wintering female at Ang Mo Kio, one at Lower Peirce on the 2nd, and another at Sentosa on the 21st. Of the four **Jerdon's Bazas** *Aviceda jerdoni*, two were at Pulau Ubin on the 2nd, and another two at Coney Island on the 3rd.

There were also six **Western Ospreys** *Pandion haliaetus*, mostly along the northern coast, and ten **Japanese Sparrowhawks** *Accipiter gularis*. Rounding up the migrant raptors were 12 **Peregrine Falcons** *Falco peregrinus*, 20 **Black Bazas** *Aviceda leuphotes*, and 94 **Oriental Honey Buzzards** *Pernis ptilorhynchus*.



Western Osprey, Kranji Road, 2 Feb 2022, by Angie Cheong.

Highlights for sedentary species:

Breeding-related activities were observed for five resident raptor species. At West Coast Park on the 4th, a pair of **White-bellied Sea Eagles** *Haliaeetus leucogaster* were nest-building. At NTU on the 6th, the **Changeable Hawk-Eagle** *Nisaetus cirrhatus* was carrying nesting material. At Turut Track on the 18th, a nest of the **Black-winged Kite** *Elanus caeruleus* contained two chicks. At East Coast Park, a nest of the **Brahminy Kite** *Haliastur Indus* held one chick in white down on the 17th, and the chick appeared juvenile-like on the 28th.

For the **Crested Goshawk** *Accipiter trivirgatus*, there were three separate breeding-related activities. At West Coast Park on the 7th, an adult was tearing up prey to feed its chick on a nest, and on the next day, the chick was perched outside the nest; at Pasir Ris Park, the pair whose two chicks fledged in January, mated again on the 11th (after the male offered the female a jungfowl chick) and 21st; while at Bukit Panjang Park on the 23rd, an adult brought prey to a fledgling, with another fledgling perched at the nest.



Rufous-bellied Eagle juvenile, Jalan Asas, 5 Feb 2022, by Chen Boon Chong

Six **Crested Serpent Eagles** *Spilornis cheela* were recorded, two at Pulau Ubin on the 3rd, including an immature that had moulted a few primaries into adult type feathers; two adults at Holland Plains on the 9th; one at Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve on the 11th; and one at Goldhill Avenue on the 20th.

An adult *ernesti* **Peregrine Falcon** was photographed at Shenton Way on the 22nd, and there were several records of the **Grey-headed Fish Eagle** *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus*, including a juvenile at Potong Pasir. Additionally, a Brahminy Kite was photographed hunting a bat successfully at Rower's Bay in daylight hours.

For the nocturnal raptors, two **Sunda Scops Owl** *Otus lempiji* fledglings were seen with one parent owl at Bukit Batok Nature Park on the 15th; another year and another chick of the **Buffy Fish Owl** *Ketupa ketupu* fledged from their nest at Hampstead Wetlands on the 26th; the same goes for the **Spotted Wood Owl** *Strix seloputo* pair at Pasir Ris Park with two chicks fledging on the 17th. In addition, the Spotted Wood Owl was recorded at a few places where records are scarce – Bukit Batok Nature Park on the 15th, Berlayer Creek on the 19th, and St John's Island on the 27th.

Table 1

S/N	Species	No.	S/N	Species	No.
1	Western Osprey	6		<i>Residents / Sedentary Species</i>	
2	Jerdon's Baza	4	12	Black-winged Kite	10
3	Black Baza	20	13	Brahminy Kite	C*
4	Oriental Honey Buzzard	94	14	White-bellied Sea Eagle	C*
5	Black Kite	1	15	Grey-headed Fish Eagle	10
6	Chinese Sparrowhawk	3	16	Crested Serpent Eagle	6
7	Japanese Sparrowhawk	10	17	Crested Goshawk	22
8	Grey-faced Buzzard	3	18	Changeable Hawk-Eagle	11
9	Rufous-bellied Eagle	2			
10	Peregrine Falcon	12		<i>Nocturnal Raptors</i>	
11	Short-eared Owl	1	19	Buffy Fish Owl	4
			20	Spotted Wood Owl	8
			21	Sunda Scops Owl	3
Total for Migrants		156		Grand Total	230

* C = Common

1. Western Osprey *Pandion haliaetus* (6)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Kranji Road	Angie Cheong
2	3	Pulau Punggol	Lim Yu Jun
11	1	Yishun Dam	Vincent Yip
12	1	SBWR	Teo Chee Yong
13	1	Ubin	Mike Hooper
22	2	SBWR	Tok Sock Ling
21	1	SG	Derrick Wong
23	1	Kranji Reservoir	Lim Kim Seng
26	1	SBWR	Teo Chee Yong
26	1	DFNP	Angie Cheong

2. Jerdon's Baza *Aviceda jerdoni* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	Ubin, Ketam Quarry	Martin Kennewell
3	2	Coney Island	Jas Renee Teo

3. Black Baza *Aviceda leuphotes* (20)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	JLG	Anirban K Ghosh
2	1	SBG	Russell Boyman
6	1	Nanyang Crescent	Chen Boon Chong
9	8	Lorong Halus	Feroz SG
13	2	Goldhill Avenue	Wai Heng Lua
13	2	NTHL	Russell Boyman
13	1	KRP	Mae Wong
19	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West	Norhafiani A Majid
20	3	TEG	Alvin Seng
23	1	Kranji Reservoir	Lim Kim Seng
26	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West	Herman Phua

4. Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhyncus* (94) *orientalis* unless indicated otherwise

PM = pale morph, DM= dark morph

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Pulau Punggol	Lim Yu Jun
2	1	KRP	Sreekar Rachakonda
5	3	Hampstead Wetlands	Larry Lim
5	2	Ubin	Lim Yu Jun
5	1	TBHP, male PM	Andrew William
6	1	Marsiling Park	Matthew Teng
6	2	TEG	Brad R
7	1	PRP, male DM	Alvin Seng
9	1	Lorong Halus	Feroz SG
9	2	Holland Plains, 1 juvenile PM, 1 adult female PM	Veronica Foo
9	2	JLG	Wong Wai Loon

11	1	GBTB, juvenile PM	Siew Mun
11	1	Sengkang, immature male PM	Girish Jamadagni
12	1	Lorong Halus, juvenile PM	Benjamin Lee
13	4	NTU	Bear Jia
14	3	East Coast Park	Ross Glover
15	2	Lorong Halus	Feroz Ghazali
19	24	BBNP	Geoff Lim
19	20	BBNP	Han YK
19	2	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West, 1 juvenile PM	Norhafiani A Majid
19	2	Tuas South	Wai Heng Lua
20	1	MED	Lim Kim Keang
20	13	CBP	Ramesh T.
20	1	Goldhill Avenue, male dark morph	Chen Boon Chong
23	1	Bidadari, female PM	C. K. Wong
23	1	Kranji Reservoir	Lim Kim Seng
24	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West, immature PM	Herman Phua
24	1	Bukit Batok East Ave 2	Kerry Pereira
25	5	SBG	Oliver Tan
26	6	Marina Bay	Zhang Licong
27	3	KM	Thongthornpatch Chamadol
28	1	PRP, male PM	Alvin Seng
28	3	St John's Island	Jared Tan

5. Black Kite *Milvus migrans* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
1	1	Neo Tiew Road	Vincent Ng
2	1	Neo Tiew Road, juvenile	Andy Lee
3	1	Bollywood Veggies	Ash Foo
12	1	KM	Mike Hooper
20	1	Kranji Marsh	Kaeden Sim

6. Chinese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter soloensis* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Lower Peirce Reservoir Park	Benjamin Lee
19	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West, adult female	Norhafiani A Majid
21	1	Sentosa	Russell Boyman
26	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West, adult female	Herman Phua

7. Japanese Sparrowhawk *Accipiter gularis* (10)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	MED	Fadzrun A.
3	1	Goldhill Avenue	Sylvester Goh
4	1	MED	Oliver Tan
5	1	Jalan Asas	Chen Boon Chong
9	1	JLG	Wong Wai Loon

13	1	DFNP	Joshua Chong
16	1	BBNP	Vincent Yip
19	1	NTHL	Martti Siponen
21	1	Seletar Aerospace Heights	Vincent Ng
24	1	NTU	Yip Jen Wei
26	1	LCK L3	Martti Siponen

8. Grey-faced Buzzard *Butastur indicus* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
19	2	SBG	Chen Boon Chong
25	1	TBHP	Thio HB

9. Rufous-bellied Eagle *Lophotriorchis kienerii* (2)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	2	BTNR, 1 juvenile, 1 sub-adult	Evelyn Lee
3	2	Fuyong Interim Park, 1 juvenile, 1 sub-adult	Lim Kim Chuah
3	2	Jalan Asas, 1 juvenile, 1 sub-adult	Vincent Yip
4	1	Jalan Asas, juvenile	Ash Foo, Herman Phua
5	1	Jalan Asas, juvenile	Andy Lee
12	1	Jalan Asas, juvenile	SB Lim
21	1	Dover Forest, juvenile	Reuter Chua
26	1	Bukit Timah Hill top, juvenile	Wai Heng Lua

10. Peregrine Falcon *Falco peregrinus* (11+1) migrants unless otherwise stated

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	1	Tuas South	Martti Siponen
3	1	DFNP, adult <i>japonensis</i>	Darren Leow
4	1	Bukit Timah hill top, adult <i>japonensis</i>	Art Toh
4	1	Ubin, Pulau Sekudu	George Presanis
4	1	Yishun Dam	Kenneth Cheong
5	1	Thomson Nature Park	Mike Hooper
7	1	Pelton Canal	Clarice Yan
13	1	LCK L3	Russell Boyman
18	1	HW	Jeff Tan
21	1	Woodlands Waterfront	Shereen Chang
22	1	Shenton Way, adult <i>ernesti</i>	Yong Siang
27	1	Coney Island	Shuna Maekawa

11. Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus* (1)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
5/6	1	Yishun Dam	Ting Sern

Resident raptors**12. Black-winged Kite *Elanus caeruleus* (10)**

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	Turut Track	Ajay Kadambi
2	2	JLG	Joshua Chong
13	2	Tuas South	Vincent Yip
18	2	Turut Track, nest with 2 chicks	Tan Gim Cheong
19	1	NTHL	Art Toh
19	2	MED	Andrew William
22	2	NTHL, nesting pair	Daryl Yeo
26	3	NTHL	Oliver Tan

13. Brahminy Kite *Haliastur indus*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	
17	1	Chick (in white down) on nest at East Coast Park	SB Lim
28	1	Chick (looking juvenile-like) on nest at East Coast Park	SB Lim
Feb	1	Adult caught a bat, Rower's Bay	Gordon Koh

14. White-bellied Sea Eagle *Haliaeetus leucogaster*

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
		-- Common raptor --	
4	2	WCP, nest-building	Dave Koh

15. Grey-headed Fish Eagle *Haliaeetus ichthyaetus* (10)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
4	1	DFNP	Pary Sivaraman
6	1	Ulu Pandan, adult	David Tan
6	1	Potong Pasir, juvenile	Darren Leow
8	1	Potong Pasir, juvenile	Tan Chin Kong
9	1	Ulu Pandan, adult	David Tan
9	2	Holland Plains, 11:43am	Veronica Foo
11	1	Potong Pasir, juvenile	Darren Leow
12	1	Little Guilin, adult, noon	Ulf Remahl
12	1	Bedok Reservoir	Ross Glover
12	1	Ubin	Farrah Adnan
19	1	Lorong Halus, adult	Zhang Licong
19	1	SBG, adult	Rene Sun
23	2	Kranji Reservoir	Lim Kim Seng
28	1	HWL	Vincent Ng

16. Crested Serpent Eagle *Spilornis cheela* (6)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
3	2	Pulau Ubin, 1 adult, 1 immature	Darren Leow
9	2	Holland Plains, adults, 10:43am	Veronica Foo
11	1	SBWR	Andrew Spreadborough
13	1	Ubin, adult	Mike Hooper
14	1	CCNR	Vincent Yip
20	1	Goldhill Avenue, adult	Chen Boon Chong

17. Crested Goshawk *Accipiter trivirgatus* (22)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	3	Southern Ridges	Lucas Oh
6	1	NTU, male	Yip Jen Wei
7	2	WCP, adult tearing prey for juvenile on nest	Tay Kian Guan
8	2	WCP, adult and fledgling perched outside nest	Tay Kian Guan
11	2	PRP, male caught a junglefowl chick, gave to the female, and mated	Andy Chew, Shahrul Kamal
11	1	PRP CP D, adult caught a red junglefowl chick	Ash Foo
12	1	KRP	Martti Siponen
12	1	Berlayer Creek	John Ascher
13	2	WCP, 1 juvenile, 1 adult	Philip Toh
14	1	Ulu Pandan	Tay Kian Guan
15	1	Yishun Town Secondary School, juvenile	Nurul Hafiz
17	4	PRP	Alvin Seng
17	1	Tanglin Park Condo, juvenile	Ana Gonzalez
20	1	SBG, juvenile	Darren Leow
21	2	PRP, mating	William Chua
21	1	Marsiling Drive, female	Wong Soong Ming
22	2	PRP, mating	William Chua
23	3	Bukit Panjang Park, female brought prey to a juvenile, another juvenile perched at nest	Tim S.
25	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West	Vincent Ng
25	1	SBG	Oliver Tan
26	1	Forest Walk, collecting nesting material	Eddy Swan
26	3	TBHP	Lucas Oh

18. Changeable Hawk-Eagle *Nisaetus cirrhatus* (11)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	1	KM, PM	Chen Boon Chong
3	1	Jurong Pier Road, DM	Kerry Pereira
6	1	Nanyang Crescent, juvenile PM	Chen Boon Chong
6	2	NTU, carrying nesting material	Yip Jen Wei
9	1	Holland Plains, adult PM	Veronica Foo
18	1	SBG, adult PM	Benjamin Lee
18	1	DFNP, DM	Art Toh
19	1	Ang Mo Kio Town Garden West, DM	Norhafiani A Majid

20	1	Old Upper Thomson Road, heard calling, 9:30pm	Gautam Krishnan
21	1	DFNP, adult PM	Siew Mun
22	2	MED, dark morphs	Art Toh

19. Buffy Fish Owl *Ketupa ketupu* (4)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
2	3	JLG, 2 adults and their fledgling	Vincent Yip, Lim Kim Seng
26	1	HWL, chick fledged	Trevor Teo

20. Spotted Wood Owl *Strix seloputo* (8)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
15	1	BBNP, adult	Jared Tan
17	2	PRP, 2 chicks fledged	Yilin
19	1	Berlayer Creek, adult	Lee Zhi Heng
25	4	PRP, 2 adults 2 fledglings	Thongthornpatch Chamadol
27	2	St John's Island	Jared Tan

21. Sunda Scops Owl *Otus lempiji* (3)

Date	No.	Location and Details	Reported By
15	3	BBNP, 1 adult, 2 fledglings, adult fed prey to a fledgling	Jared Tan

Abbreviations

BBNP – Bukit Batok Nature Park
 BTNR – Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
 CBD – Central Business District
 CBP – Changi Business Park
 DFNP – Dairy Farm Nature Park
 GBTB – Gardens by the Bay
 JLG – Jurong Lake Gardens
 HWL – Hampstead Wetlands
 KM – Kranji Marsh
 KRP – Kent Ridge Park
 LCK L3 – Lim Chu Kang Lane 3

MED – Marina East Drive
 NTHL – Neo Tiew Harvest Lane
 NTU – Nanyang Technological University
 PRP – Pasir Ris Park
 SBG – Singapore Botanic Gardens
 SBTB – Satay by the Bay
 SBWR – Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve
 TBHP – Telok Blangah Hill Park
 TEG – Tampines Eco Green
 WCP – West Coast Park

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Note: The numbers in brackets beside the bird names indicates the month's total number. Reports of the same raptors from the same area have been discounted to avoid duplication.

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