

First record of Eastern Buzzard *Buteo japonicus* for Kalimantan, Indonesia

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Ringkasan. Elang *Buteo japonicus* merupakan burung pemangsa migran dari Asia Timur yang jarang di Indonesia. Catatan jenis ini di Borneo pertama kali di Brunei Darussalam oleh C.F. Mann pada tahun 1987 dan setelahnya tidak pernah tercatat kembali. Perjumpaan satu individu Elang *Buteo* di Perendaman, Kabupaten Ketapang, Kalimantan Barat menjadi catatan pertama untuk wilayah Kalimantan, Indonesia.

While conducting a raptor survey in Perendaman, Ketapang, West Kalimantan (2°01'34" S; 110°16'38.6" E) on 6 March 2010, we observed an unfamiliar species of raptor soaring about 50 m from us. The weather was fine, the sky clear, and the close proximity of the bird enabled us to carefully observe it for several minutes using our Nikon 10x50 and 8x50 binoculars. Observation was conducted from a canoe for 5 min. The bird had a large head, relatively long and broad wings and a shortish rounded tail. Its upperparts were dark brown, and the underparts whitish to creamy-buff, with the belly and flanks streaked and the thighs pale. In flight, the underwings featured a black patch on the carpal joint, barred flight-feathers, dark wingtips and trailing edge, and a pale area on the outer primaries. The tail was plain brown with no obvious sub-terminal band. It differed from the Oriental Honey Buzzard *Pernis ptilorhynchus orientalis*, with which we are familiar, in having a short neck, relatively large head, shorter tail, and no obvious bands on the tail (Robson 2008; Myers 2009; Brazil 2010).

After checking illustrations in relevant field guides (Thiollay 1994; MacKinnon *et al.* 1998; Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001; Robson 2008; Myers 2009; Phillipps & Phillipps 2014) we felt certain that the bird we saw was an adult Eastern or Japanese Buzzard *Buteo japonicus* (formerly considered a race of the Eurasian Buzzard *B. buteo*; del Hoyo *et al.* 2015). This species is a rare non-breeding migrant to Java, where it has been recorded at Puncak, West Java, and Mount Dieng, Central Java, during the Northern Hemisphere winter (Nijman 2001a, 2001b, 2003; Sukmantoro *et al.* 2005). It is also a rare visitor to Sumatra (Zulkifli *et al.* 2012), and to date the only record of the species in Borneo is of a bird observed in Brunei in September 1987 (Mann 1989, 2008; Phillipps & Phillipps 2014), coinciding with the autumn migration of the species. Therefore we believe that our observation constitutes the first record for Indonesian Borneo, and the second for the island (Holmes 1997; Sukmantoro *et al.* 2007; Mann 2008).

The Eastern Buzzard breeds in east Siberia and north Mongolia through Amurland and Manchuria to Japan and Southern Kuriles, and migrates south through southern China to India, Southeast Asia and Java (Thiollay 1994; Ferguson-Lees & Christie 2001; Nijman 2003; Robson 2008; Yamazaki *et al.* 2012). The date of our observation suggests that, unlike the Brunei bird, the Ketapang bird was on its return migration to the Northern Hemisphere.

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