

## SABAH 2018 (April 8th to 27th).

After a successful trip in Sabah in April 2017 I returned there. My aim were the small carnivores of Bornéo (very few if any places in the world have a so high diversity of small carnivores) and some new flying squirrels. I returned to Deramakot, Kinabalu Park, Poring Hot Springs and the Kinabatangan river.

### DERAMAKOT:

I spent a week at this place. Clouded Leopard was not a priority as I saw it last year. I met again Mike Gordon with groups of mammalwatchers. Mike is an excellent guide: knowledgeable and very good spotter. He even offered me a lift one night.

Here are the species I saw:

-Bornean Yellow Muntjac: 2

-Sambar Der: at least 8 seen

-Lesser Mousedeer: 1 at the main camp

-Bearded Pig: 4

-Asian Elephant: more than 19 seen twice

-Leopard Cat: 6

-Flat-Headed Cat: 1 on the road close to a lake. Approached to 8m by walking.

-Clouded Leopard: footprints

-Banded Civet: 1

-Malay Civet: 5

-Otter Civet: 1 close to the road approached to less than 10m, seen hunting and catching frogs. I even saw the wide feet and long hairs on the face.

-Bornean Striped Palm Civet: 4

-Island Palm Civet: common

-Sunda Stink Badger: 1 as I was walking with excellent long sighting. It approached me until 10m when it smelt me. A beautiful animal very different from the ugly pictures you find on most books.

-Malayan Porcupine: 1 on the road close to the car

-Red Giant Flying Squirrel: 2 only

- Black Flying Squirrel: 3
- Thomas Flying Squirrel: 10+
- Giant Squirrel: 1
- Bornean Pigmy Squirrel: 2
- Ear Spot Squirrel: 1
- Prevost's Squirrel: 1
- Orangutan: a lot of "nest", but not seen
- North Borneo Gibbon: heard every morning at different places, then 1 glimpsed and finally 1 seen
- Southern Pig Tailed Macaques: several groups.
- Long Tailed Macaques: several groups
- Red Langur: 3
- Slow Loris: 2
- Bornean Colugo : 2 thanks to Mike.
- Slender Treeshrew: 1
- Pen Tailed Treeshrew: a probable with Mike

#### SEPILOK RAIN FOREST DISCOVERY CENTER:

- Black Flying Squirrel1
- Red Giant Flying Squirrel: 3
- Bornean Pigmy Squirrel: 1
- Plantain Squirrel: 3 outside of the forest at Sepilok Bed and Breafast
- Prevost's Squirrel: common
- Orangutan: 1
- NorthBorneo Gibbon: 1 heard
- Southern Pig Tailed Macaque: 1
- Slow Loris: 1 seen during a night tour
- Western Tarsier: 0 seen after 1 tour in 2017 and 2 in 2018. I have difinetely to find 0 by myself.

## KINABATANGAN RIVER

As in 2017 I stayed at Sukau Grennview. The forest is in a pity state, but it is far less expensive than at Kinabatangan Wildlife Camp. All the species seen at the last place can be seen elsewhere for cheaper.

In 2017 I did 2 private tours and didn't see any Flat Headed Cat. This time I had booked again 2 private tours but I cancelled them as I saw this species at Deramakot. They are 3 guides at Sukau, they all have seen this species. Two of them told me there had been no sighting since 3 years in the area, telling me that Japanese researchers have failed to see any during the 3 years. The third guide knew that 1 sighting was done done downstream of the lodge last year. Even if these guides are "generalist" they have the knowledge of their area. Of course they don't look specially for this species if they have not private tours to lead.

-Bearded Pig: 1

-Island Palm Civet: 1

-Prevost's Squirrels: common

-Plantain Squirrel: several

-Long Tailed Macaque

-Pig tailed Macaque

-Silver Langur: 3

-Red Langur: 3 by night close to Greenview, high in a tree.

-Proboscis Monkey: around 70

## KINABALU PARK:

-Spotted Giant Flying Squirrel: 1 during my last night near the entrance where Mike Gordon told me to look.

-Borneo Mountain ground Squirrel: from entrance to Tympohon gate

-Jentink's squirrel: common

-Bornean Black-Banded Squirrel: common from entrance to Tympohon gate

-Whitehead's Pigmy Squirrel: 1 close to the entance

-Borneo Giant Rat: 1

-Kinabalu Rat:1

-Long Tailed Macaque:

A group along the road on lower slopes of the mountain.

#### PORING HOT SPRINGS

Unfortunately I spent only 1 morning here.

-Prevost's Squirrel: common

-Borneo Pigmy Squirrel: 1

-Giant Squirrel: 1

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