

# Sabah, Borneo – April 2018



## Summary

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We visited Sabah in April of 2018 with goals of seeing new mammals especially Gibbon, Tarsier, and of course Clouded Leopard. All travel except International flights was arranged through AA Borneo. Here was our itinerary:

3 Nights Sepilok - Forest Edge Resort  
6 Nights Daramakot  
3 Nights Kinabatangan - Sukau Rainforest Lodge  
3 Nights Danum - Borneo Rainforest Lodge

Due to flight times, we ended up adding bookend nights at the Forest Edge Resort in Sepilok for a total of 17 nights in country. AA Borneo supplied all of our guides except at SRL and BRL where we used private guides supplied by those lodges. We are pleased with the services of AA Borneo again although we did have some pre-trip itinerary errors that I had to catch and some minor issues once we hit the ground. But, AA Borneo resolved those quickly. I continue to recommend them especially since they have a great set up in Daramakot.

The weather in April 2018 was much better than March 2017. We only had a couple activities delayed or rained out due to weather this year which was great.

Overall, the trip was very good. But, we were disappointed in the amount of wildlife seen in Daramakot (despite the tireless effort of our guides) and along the Kinabatangan (probably due to an underwhelming guide at SRL). While we did have some great Gibbon sightings in Daramakot and Danum, we struck out on Tarsier and Clouded Leopard...again.

## Highlights

- Proboscis Monkey behavior at Labuk Bay
- Quantity of good Orangutan sightings
- Banded Civet and Malay Porcupine encounters on foot
- Binturong in Deramakot
- Multiple good Gibbon sightings
- Guides, cook, and driver at Deramakot
- Guide, food, and Villa at BRL
- The weather
- Borneo healthcare system

## Lowlights

- No Tarsier despite hours of trying at all locations
- No Clouded Leopard
- Some guides at Sukau Rainforest Lodge

## Detailed Trip Report

<http://focusedonnature.blogspot.com/2018/05/back-to-borneo-travel-days.html>

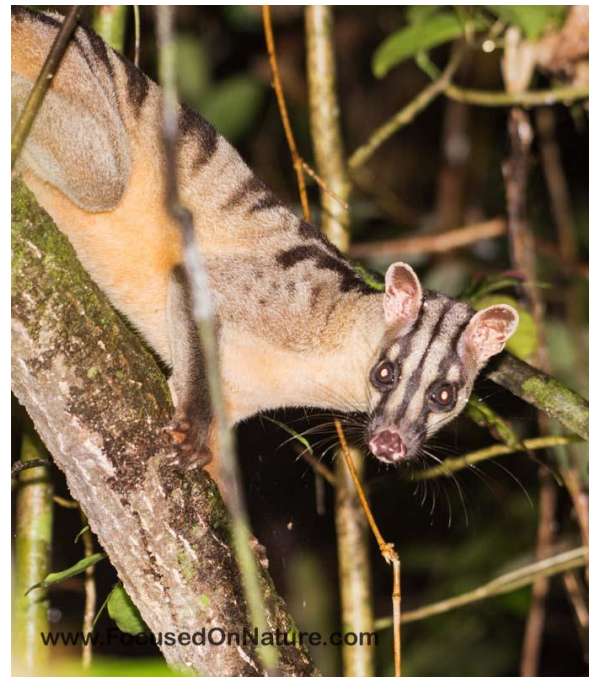
## Full Photo Gallery

<https://www.focusedonnature.com/Trips/Borneo-2018/>

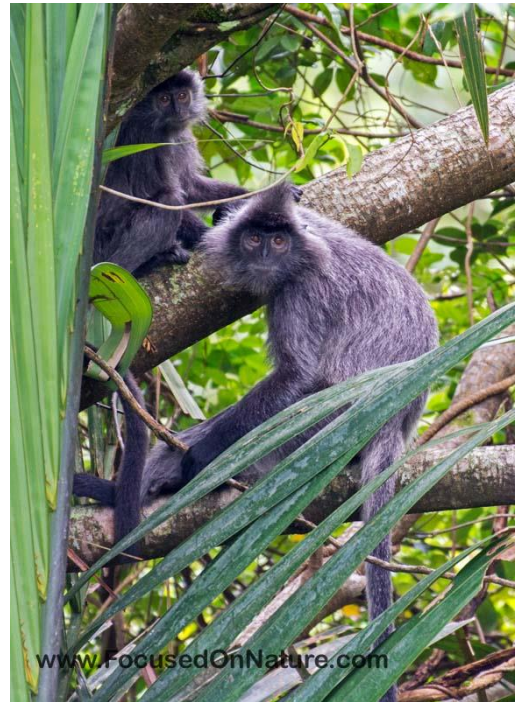
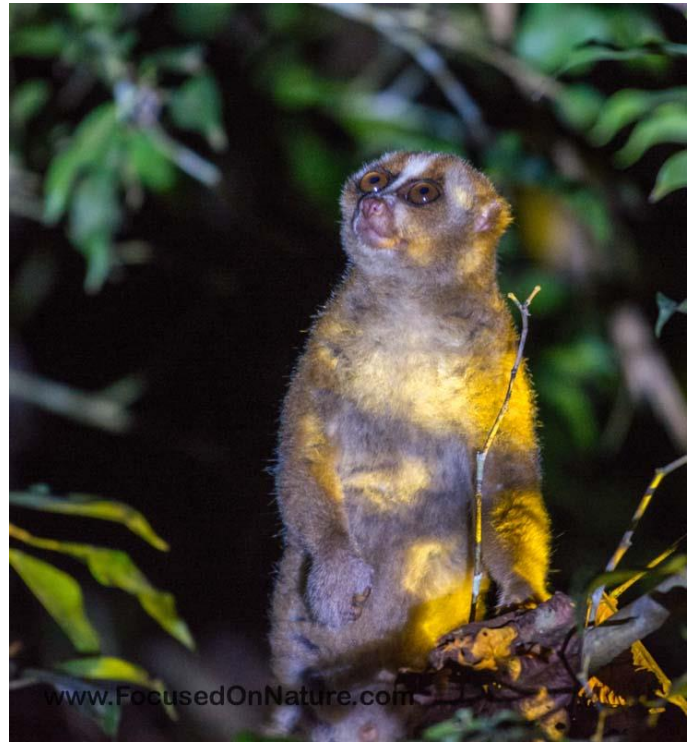
## Mammals – (35 species with 10 lifers in **bold**)

Name	Location	Comments
Prevost Squirrel	Sepilok - Forest Edge Resort	Many seen daily
Plantain Squirrel	Sepilok - Forest Edge Resort	Many seen daily
<b>Low's Squirrel</b>	Sepilok - RDC	1 seen while hiking forest trails
Sunda Giant Squirrel	Kinabatangan	1 seen on grounds of SRL
Pygmy Squirrel	Kinabatangan, Danum	A few seen at SRL, 1 seen at BRL
Thomas' Flying Squirrel	Deramakot	Common on night drives
<b>Horsfield's Flying Sq.</b>	Deramakot	1 seen during night drive
Red Giant Flying Squirrel	Sepilok – RDC, Deramakot	1 in daytime at RDC, common at Deramakot
<b>Lesser Treeshrew</b>	Sepilok - Forest Edge Resort, RDC	2 seen along rainforest trail. 1 seen at RDC
Silvered Leaf Monkey	Sepilok, Labuk Bay, Kinabatangan	2 at Labuk Bay, troop in trees at SRL
Red Leaf Monkey	Sepilok, Gomangtong, Danum	2 seen at a distance along boardwalk
Long-tailed Macaque	Sepilok - Orangutan Sanctuary	1 troop seen at feeding station
Pig-tailed Macaque	Sepilok - Orangutan Sanctuary	A few seen in trees at feeding station
Borneo Orangutan	Deramakot, Kinabatangan, Danum	11 seen including large male in Danum
Borneo Colugo	Sepilok – RDC	1 seen in daytime on tree
Philippine Slow Loris	Sepilok, Deramakot	Multiple seen with great looks
Proboscis Monkey	Sepilok – Labuk Bay, Kinabatangan	Baited troops at Labuk Bay. Common along river
<b>North Bornean Gibbon</b>	Deramakot, Danum	Seen and heard in Deramakot and Danum
Banded Civet	Deramakot	1 seen close up walking in Deramakot
Island Palm Civet	Deramakot	A few seen high in trees

Striped Palm Civet	Deramakot, Kinabatangan	Many seen at night. 1 in Daytime at the river
Malay Porcupine	Deramakot	1 seen during night walk. Great encounter.
<b>Long-tailed Porcupine</b>	Deramakot	1 seen quickly crossing road in front of truck
<b>Pen-tailed Shrew</b>	Deramakot	1 seen quickly crossing road in front of truck
Bornean Pygmy Elephant	Kinabatangan	Group of 10+ seen along river
<b>Smooth Otter</b>	Deramakot	1 seen crossing road while walking
<b>Binturong</b>	Deramakot	1 seen high in tree at night
Leopard Cat	Deramakot	A few seen but all looks were too fleeting
Sambar Deer	Deramakot	Common on night drives
Greater Mouse Deer	Kinabatangan, RDC, Deramakot	1 identifiable during night cruise. Others seen but couldn't tell if they were Greater or Lesser
Lesser Short-nosed Fruit Bat	Sepilok	Roosting at our chalet at Forest Edge
<b>Wrinkle Lipped Bat</b>	Gomangtong Cave	Thousands seen in exodus at dusk
<b>Moonrat</b>	Sepilok - RDC	1 seen during night walk at RDC
Bearded Pig	Deramakot, Danum	Multiple seen at both locations
Unknown Rat	Labuk Bay	Under feeding platform, Pic bottom right below in case anyone can identify it



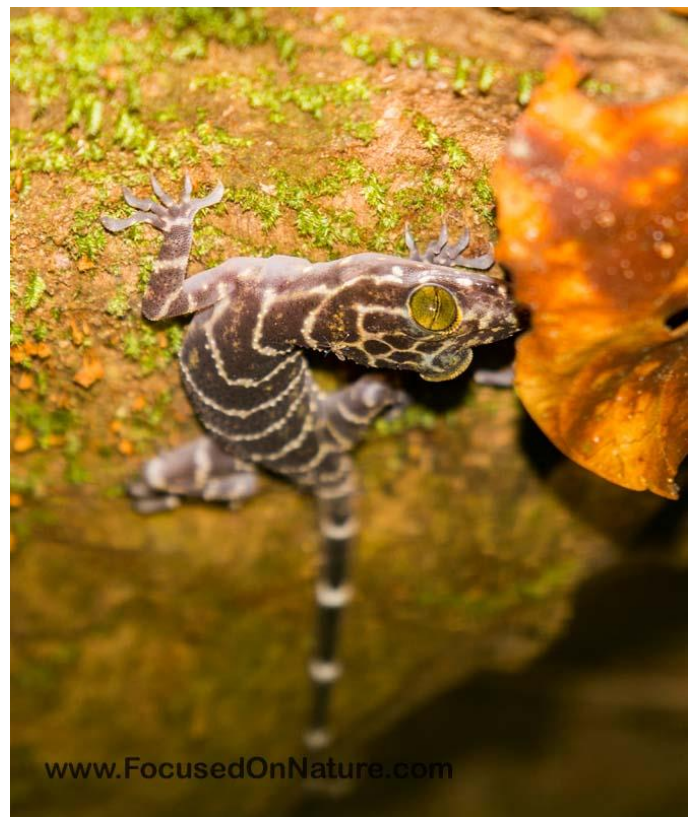






**Herps** – (35 species with 26 lifers in **bold**)

Name	Location	Name	Location
Four-lined Tree Frog	Sepilok, Deramakot	<b>Kuhl's Gliding Gecko</b>	Danum
<b>Masked Tree Frog</b>	Deramakot	<b>Rough-necked Monitor</b>	Deramakot
<b>Rock Skipper Frog</b>	Danum	Water Monitor	Kinabatangan
<b>Asian Toad</b>	Sepilok	<b>Short-crested Forest Dragon</b>	Danum
<b>Dark-eared Tree Frog</b>	Deramakot	<b>Black-bearded Gliding Lizard</b>	Kinabatangan
<b>Puddle Frog</b>	Danum	Green Tree Lizard	Sepilok
<b>Malesian Frog</b>	Sepilok	<b>Sabah Slender Skink</b>	Gomangtong
<b>Tree-hole Frog</b>	Deramakot, Sepilok	Many-lined Sun Skink	Sepilok
File-eared Frog	Sepilok, Danum	<b>Dog-faced Water Snake</b>	Sepilok
Harlequin Flying Frog	Deramakot	<b>Sumatran Pit Viper</b>	Danum
White-lipped Tree Frog	Danum	<b>White-bellied Rat Snake</b>	Sepilok
Common Rice Field Frog	Sepilok	<b>Malayan Bridle Snake</b>	Kinabatangan
<b>Common Greenback</b>	Sepilok	<b>Painted Bronzeback</b>	Sepilok
<b>Giant Bent-toed Gecko</b>	Sepilok	<b>Red-tailed Racer</b>	Sepilok
<b>Spotted House Gecko</b>	Kinabatangan	<b>Bornean Keeled Pit Viper</b>	Sepilok
<b>Spiny-tailed Gecko</b>	Danum	<b>Blue Bronzeback</b>	Danum
<b>Flat-tailed Gecko</b>	Danum	Salt Water Crocodile	Kinabatangan
Large Forest Gecko	Sepilok		



**Birds** – (Only lifers noted)

Name	Location	Name	Location
Grey and Buff Woodpecker	Sepilok	Scarlet-rumped Trogon	Danum
Brahminy Kite	Sepilok	Great Argus	Danum
Reddish Scops Owl	Sepilok	Jungle Fowl	Danum
Emerald Dove	Sepilok	Gray-headed Canary Flycatcher	Danum
Orange-backed Woodpecker	Deramakot	Green Iora	Sepilok
Black-bellied Malkoha	Deramakot	Brown-capped Woodpecker	Sepilok
Gold-whiskered Barbet	Deramakot	Oriental Bay Owl	Sepilok
Blue-crowned Hanging Parrot	Deramakot	Changeable Hawk Eagle	Gomangtong
Yellow Bittern	Kinabatangan	Black-hooded Oriole	Sepilok
White-crowned Hornbill	Kinabatangan	Scaly-crowned Babbler	Danum
Blue-eared Kingfisher	Sepilok, Kinabatangan	Spotted Fantail	Sepilok

