

A Pocket Guide to Mammals of Borneo

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For many people, local or visitor, young or old, the first sighting of a Bornean mammal is usually a fleeting glimpse as it disappears after being disturbed or a view gained by desperately trying to focus eyes or binoculars on an animal half-hidden by branches and leaves. You gain a snapshot in your mind that then needs a quick comparison with a well-taken photograph for identification.

Carrying this guide in your pocket allows you to do just that. It contains clear photographs of all the mammals you are most likely to encounter: use the *photo index* on Page (i) to quickly guide you to the most likely one. Most of the photographs are accompanied by a comment on the mammal's location (widespread or in a recommended place listed on Page (v) and ecology (diurnal or nocturnal; rare, scarce or common and endemic). The guide deliberately avoids extensive field notes but perhaps a little more is needed, for example actual size or key identification characteristics? Some of the groups covered are more difficult to identify than others: the bats, for example, are particularly challenging without an experienced guide and/or specialised photography.

This is an easy-to-use guide to carry with you whenever and wherever you are travelling in Borneo. If you want to learn more or even further confirm your ID, Shavez lists some books offering greater detail on the species covered here at the end of the book.

Happy Mammal Watching and if it's your first time, *Stay Patient* and you will see some mammals!