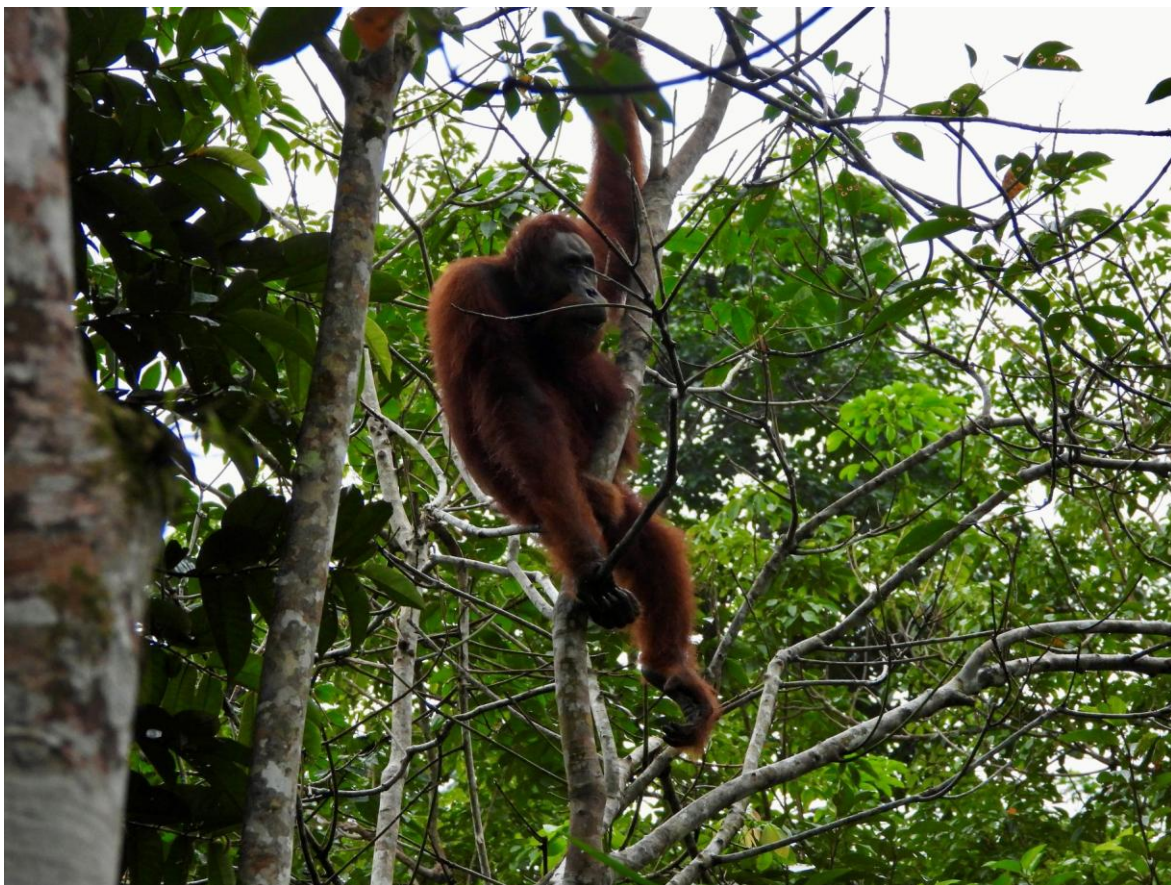


Sumatra Mammal Trip Report

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Below is a brief mammal trip report from a recent Nature Travel Expeditions tour to Sumatra. This was a mammal and birding combo tour, and the birding part was covered in a different report. We visited 3 parts of Sumatra. Gunung Leuser National Park mostly for key mammals and some birds, Mount Kerinci and Tapan Road for birding endemics and Way Kambas for both mammals and birding. The local guides are brilliant at finding both mammals and birds and are willing to spend long days in the field to get some of the key nocturnal species as well.

The first leg of the trip was to Gunung Leuser National Park where the main target was without a doubt **Sumatran Orangutan**. Most tourists enter the park from the main entrance where it is a steep but fairly short hike up to there are a group of habituated Orangutans that have been released from a breeding facility according to our guides. This was not ideal and luckily our guesthouse was located on the park boundary and we could enter the park from a different side where had an incredible encounter with a feeding group of females as well as a male that was on his way to join them and made his way overhead swinging from branch to branch. As a bonus we also had a lone individual resting not far from the guesthouse and then while making our way out of the park via the main gate we had the habituated ones surrounded by hundreds of tourists. The Orangutans were not our only primate focus in Gunung Leuser, and we all saw **Thomas's Langur**, **Long-tailed Macaque**, **Southern Pig-tailed Macaque**, **Sunda Silvery Langur** and **Lar Gibbon**. We had a long-distance view of **Siamang** but did see them remarkably close at both Mount Kerinci and Way Kambas later in the tour. We had a few Squirrels including **Plantain**, **Slender**, **Prevost's**, **Southern Black Giant**, and **Pale Giant Squirrels**. We did okay with bats as we picked up **Diadem Roundleaf**, **Fawn-colored Roundleaf Bat** and **Lesser Short-nosed Fruit Bat**.



Sumatran Orangutang



Southern Long-tailed Macaque

From here we did spend a few days in Mount Kerinci where we had a short night drive/walk on the Tapan road where we picked up **Small-toothed Palm Civet** and **Southern Palm Civet**. We did see several species of squirrel including **Sumatran Mountain, Slender, Black-striped, Niobe Ground Squirrel, Three-striped Ground Squirrel** and **Sumatran Treeshrew**. **Large Flying Fox** and **Black-crested Sumatran Langur** were also new species added to the list.



Small-toothed Palm Civet

From here we had one night in Jakarta before flying to Way Kambas National Park which had limited access for tourists but an incredible diversity of wildlife. We had limited time here but made

the most of it by spending most of the day in the park and doing several night walk/drive combos. While we did see some mammals during the day such as **Lesser Asian False-vampire**, **Trefoil Horseshoe Bat**, **Lesser Short-nosed Fruit Bat**, **Slender Squirrel**, **Black-eared Squirrel**, **Red Giant Flying Squirrel**, **Siamang** and **Long-tailed Macaque** most of our sightings were at night. We had both **Lesser and Greater Indo-Malayan Chevrotain**, **Sambar**, **Malaysian Slow Loris**, **Southern Red Muntjac** and **Pen-tailed Treeshrew** all during the night activities. We missed Asian Elephant by seconds but all in the group have seen them before. We did slowly approach a small waterhole when we heard a fairly big animal run away only to find fresh Tapir tracks which would have been an unbelievable sighting.



Sunda Silvery Langur

So even with our time divided between birding and mammals we still saw all the main targets and ended up with an impressive list. Sumatra is definitely a must for any serious mammal enthusiast.