

BORNEO TRIP REPORT

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Tawau Hills Park and Tawau

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I arrived in Kuala Lumpur the week before for work related meetings. I got in touch with these two young conservationists before the trip commenced. I always wanted to do a mammal watching on Borneo however my time was limited to four days thus I only did Tawau after reading rave reviews on TripAdvisor. Some of the photos are of the guides as I was mostly filming. We saw 37 mammals in the space of five days. I spent all the nights in Tawau Hills however we did two full day trips to look for elephants and dolphins in the plantations nearby & bay. The following is the checklist

1. Borneo Elephant- A family of 12 in a plantation
2. Irrawaddy Dolphins- Two pods of around 5 each
3. Humpback Dolphins- An old couple. They had adopted an Irrawaddy baby
4. Red Leaf Monkeys- Three out of five days seen
5. Proboscis Monkeys- At least 6 groups during the trip to the bay
6. Long tailed Macaque – Common every where
7. Pig tailed Macaque- Twice at the park
8. North Borneo Gibbon- Daily wake up calls and daily sightings
9. Horsfield Tarsier- Final night walk spotted
10. Slow Loris- First night spotted
11. Malay Civet- Spotted once near the lodge
12. Borneo Striped Palm Civet- Eating on a fig tree
13. Banded Civet- Once on the trail
14. Banded Linsang- Quick glimpse near a stream

15. Yellow Throated Marten- Seen twice, once three of them hunting together in the canopy
16. Malay Weasel- Quick bugger.
17. Sunda Short nosed fruit bat
18. Island flying fox
19. Fawn Round leaf bat
20. Diadem Leaf bat
21. Provosts squirrel- Very common
22. Plantain squirrel
23. Borneo Pigmy squirrel- Very common near the lodge
24. Leopard cat- Outside the park during our drive back from the plantation
25. Marbled cat- A short glimpse I had during the day on the third day
26. Colugo – Saw them on all night except the final night
27. Black Flying Squirrel- Saw them twice
28. Red Giant Flying squirrel- One sighting
29. Thompsons flying squirrel- Sighted twice
30. Giant Squirrel- Common almost daily
31. Long tailed Porcupine- Once on the trail at night
32. Teledu/Skunk- Twice outside the park near the plantation
33. Small clawed otters- at the bay
34. Muntjac/Barking dear- thrice during the day walks
35. Bearded pig- Several encounters during day walks
36. Greater Mouse deer's- twice near the lodge
37. Lesser tree shrew- Once near the overhanging bridge

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