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

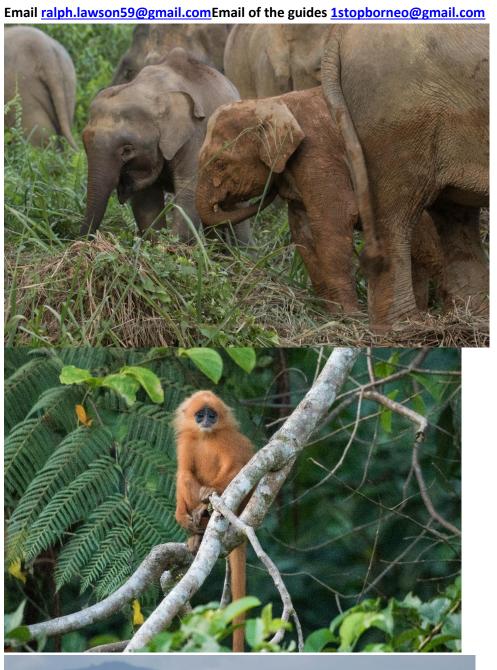






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