

## Malayan colugo at Mandai Lake Road

**Subject:** Malayan Colugo, *Galeopterus variegatus* (Mammalia: Dermoptera: Cynocephalidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, northern bank of Upper Seletar Reservoir at end of Mandai Lake Road, entrance of River Safari; 27 March 2014; 1240 hrs.

**Habitat:** Urban parkland with concrete buildings, near secondary forest.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A wild colugo was observed in broad daylight clinging onto the base of a frond on a betel nut palm, with head pointing skywards, at an area with high human traffic (Fig. 1). At this spot, the crown of the betel nut palm was at the eye level of human passersby. The animal was alert, but not alarmed by people stopping by to observe it (Fig. 2).

**Remarks:** This record shows that even though the colugo is largely a forest creature, it does venture some distance into adjacent parkland with its ability to glide long distances between trees (Baker & Lim, 2012: 133).

**Reference:** Baker, N. & K. K. P. Lim, 2012. *Wild Animals of Singapore. A Photographic Guide to Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Freshwater Fishes*. Updated edition. Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte. Ltd. and Nature Society (Singapore). 180 pp.



Fig. 1. Malayan colugo on a betel nut palm.

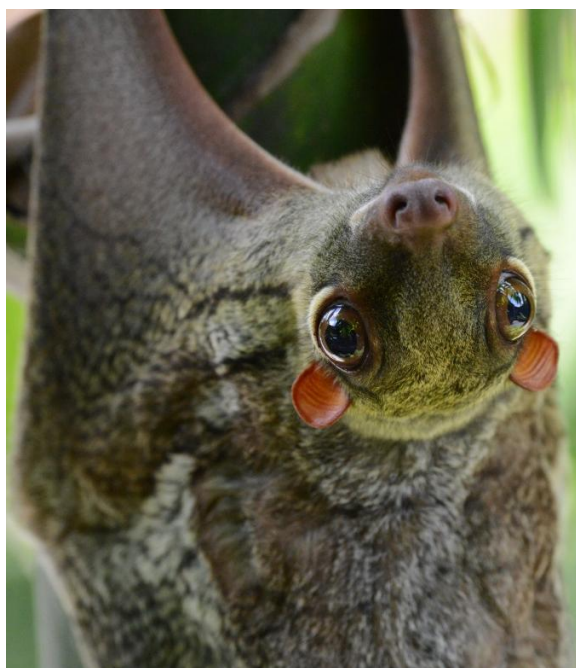


Fig. 2. Frontal view of the colugo's head.

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