

Malayan flying fox over MacRitchie

Subject: Malayan flying fox, *Pteropus vampyrus* (Mammalia: Chiroptera: Pteropodidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, MacRitchie forest around Jelutong Tower; 20 May 2016; around 0835 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One adult example was observed flying above the forest around the Jelutong Tower. The accompanying pictures show the latero-ventral views of the animal in flight.

Remarks: The Malayan flying fox was said to be common seasonally in Singapore, particularly during the fruiting season (Yang et al., 1990: 4). However it seems to be observed on rare occasions in recent years. As no flying fox roost has been recorded in Singapore at present, this species is regarded as a visitor (Baker & Lim, 2012: 163) from neighbouring areas, possibly Johor to the north or the Riau Islands to the south. The featured individual could be headed for its roost outside Singapore after the previous night's foraging in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. Apart from the present sighting, one flying fox was observed over at adjacent Bukit Brown in March 2012 (Hall, 2012).

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