

## More Malayan flying foxes over MacRitchie

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

**Subjects identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, MacRitchie forest around Jelutong Tower; 25 May 2016; around 0743 hrs.

**Habitat:** Secondary forest.

**Observers:** Contributor & Richard White.

**Observation:** Five adult examples flew, one after another, in from the west, and headed to the east. They descended into the forest canopy, approximately 250 meters away from Jelutong Tower where the attached photographs were taken of four of the individuals (Figs. 1-4).

**Remarks:** This observation comes five days after a single Malayan flying fox was observed in the same area (Yap, 2016). As no flying fox roost is known in Singapore at the present, this species is regarded as a visitor from neighbouring areas (Baker & Lim, 2012: 163). All five individuals had been seen descending into the tree tops, but it is not known if they were roosting in the area, or if they were taking a break.

### References:

- 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.
- Yap, F., 2016. Malayan flying fox over MacRitchie. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2016: 70.



Fig. 1. Fronto-ventral view of one of the five flying foxes in flight. Photograph by Francis Yap

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Fig. 2. Fronto-ventral view of the third of the five flying foxes in flight. Note its reddish head.



Fig. 3. Fronto-ventral view of the fourth of the five flying foxes in flight. Note its black head.



Fig. 4. Fronto-ventral view of the fifth of the five flying foxes in flight.

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