
Subject identified by: Authors.

Location, date and time: Pulau Ubin; 19 September 2017; around 1200 hrs.

Habitat: Former durian plantation with regenerated forest.


Observation: An example (frontal view shown in the accompanying picture) was observed perching on a branch about 20 m high up on a durian tree (*Durio zibethinus*), making soft calls (refer to attached audio file recorded by Joseph Lin). No adults were seen in the vicinity.

Remarks: The featured individual is believed to be a sub-adult due to its ear-tufts being relatively short and white. It appears to be transitioning from juvenile to adult plumage. Barred eagle-owl juveniles are fluffy buffish-white with fine wavy dark-brown barring. Adults are darker and have long brown horizontal ear tufts with fine white barring (see Myers, 2009: 116).

*Bubo sumatranus* is regarded as a rare non-breeding visitor in Singapore by Lim (2017), but as a rare resident by Yong et al. (2017: 165). It is not known if this presumed subadult was hatched and fledged on Pulau Ubin.

References: