

Dusky langur at Kent Ridge

Subject: Dusky or Spectacled langur, *Trachypithecus obscurus* (Mammalia: Primates: Cercopithecidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor & Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kent Ridge, campus of the National University of Singapore, compound of King Edward VII Hall; 19 February 2008; around 1850 hrs.

Habitat: Edge of a tiny patch of secondary forest in a suburban area.

Observer: Contributor.

Observations: A lone adult monkey was observed on a branch of a rubber tree growing on a slope near a hostel building. The observer was viewing the subject from the fourth floor of the building.

Remarks: The dusky langur does not occur naturally in Singapore even though it is found throughout much of the Malay Peninsula and some adjacent islands. It is differentiated from the locally native banded langur (*Presbytis femoralis*) by its greyish-brown fur, prominent white eye rings and white lips (Francis, 2008: 265-266). The featured example is most likely an escaped captive or abandoned pet. There have been no subsequent sightings of this monkey in the area since.

Reference: Francis, C. M., 2008. *A Field Guide to the Mammals of South-east Asia*. New Holland Publishers (UK) Ltd. 392 pp.



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