

## Common palm civet at Bukit Gombak

**Subject:** Common palm civet, *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus* (Mammalia: Carnivora: Viverridae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributors.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Bukit Gombak; 17 April 2014; 2130 hrs.

**Habitat:** Secondary forest and abandoned village gardens, flanked by private housing estates.

**Observers:** Contributors.

**Observation:** An example of about 70 cm in total length was observed clambering over branches within the crown of a tree, about 4 to 5 m above the ground. Apparently trying to avoid the observers' torchlights, it stopped and hid among the fronds of an epiphytic aroid plant (see attached picture) for about 20 minutes before moving off.

**Remarks:** The common palm civet is considered a widespread and fairly common animal, inhabiting forest, scrubland, parkland, mangroves and urban areas (Baker & Lim, 2012: 152).

**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.



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