

Malayan colugo at Bukit Batok Nature Park

Subjects: Malayan colugo, *Galeopterus variegatus* (Mammalia: Dermoptera: Cynocephalidae).

Subjects identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bukit Batok Nature Park; 19 April 2013; 2120 – 2130 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest and parkland.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: A colugo was first seen clinging on to the trunk of a tree about 10 m off the ground (Fig. 1). It then ascended the tree and clambered onto some overhanging branches. There, it hung with its hind feet from branches like a flying fox (Fig. 2). While suspended in this manner, an infant colugo (indicated by arrow in Fig. 2) was revealed nestled in the presumed female's chest between the patagium.

Remarks: The Malayan colugo is known to inhabit Bukit Batok Nature Park (Baker & Lim, 2012: 133). The examples featured here show that there is a breeding population in the area.

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.



Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

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