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Trefoil horseshoe bat at Upper Seletar

Subject: Trefoil horseshoe bat, Rhinolophus trifoliatus (Mammalia: Chiroptera: Rhinolophidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Upper Seletar Reservoir Park; 5 March 2016; 1805 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One adult example was found awake and suspended from a twine in the cover of the forest (see accompanying pictures).

Remarks: The trefoil horseshoe bat typically inhabits the understorey of forests and appears to be mainly solitary in habits. It usually roosts among vegetation under large leaves (Kingston et al., 2006: 73; Baker & Lim, 2012: 146).

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Trefoil horseshoe bat at Upper Seletar. Left picture shows a dorsal view of body and frontal view of the head. Right picture shows a close-up fronto-lateral view of the head and noseleaf. Photographs by Nick Baker

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