

Wallace's Gliding Frog *Rhacophorus nigropalmatus* at Panti Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia

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Location: Bunker Trail, Gunung Panti Forest Reserve, Kota Tinggi District, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.

Habitat: Lowland secondary dipterocarp forest and freshwater swamp-forest with shallow stream.

Date and time: 14-15 December 2002, night.

Identity of subject: Wallace's Gliding Frog, *Rhacophorus nigropalmatus* (Amphibia: Anura: Rhacophoridae).

Description of observation: One adult example of about 7 cm snout-vent length [green frog at the upper half of the accompanying picture] was seen at about 2 m high up on vegetation in a clearing. There was a large puddle of water on the ground beneath. Several four-lined tree frogs (*Polypedates leucomystax*) [the brown frog in the foreground of the attached picture] and dark-eared tree frogs (*Polypedates macrotis*) were seen around the gliding frog (fig. 1).



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Remarks: This species has been recorded from the area by Chan et al. (2010). It is believed that the gliding frog had descended from the tree canopy to breed in the puddles on the forest floor. However, it was the only individual of its kind there.

Reference: Chan K. O., Grismer, L.L., Matsui, M., Nishikawa, K., Wood Jr., P.L., Grismer, J.L., Belabut, D. & Norhayati, A. (2010). Herpetofauna of Gunung Panti Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia. *Tropical Life Sciences Research*. 21 (1): 71-82.