

Records of *Kaloula baleata* and *Limnonectes laticeps* from Gunung Panti Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia

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SIGHTING RECORD : 1

Identity of subject: Brown Bullfrog, *Kaloula baleata* (Amphibia: Anura: Microhylidae).

Observer: Nick Baker.

Photograph by: Nick Baker.

Subject identified by: Leong Tzi Ming, Nick Baker.

Location: Gunung Panti Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.

Habitat: Roadside puddle, at margin of lowland, dipterocarp forest and freshwater swamp-forest.

Date and time: 02 December 2006, 00:05 hrs.

Description of record: A lone *Kaloula baleata*, with an estimated snout-vent length of 5 cm, was heard calling from beneath ground-level vegetation and leaf litter at the edge of a roadside puddle (Fig 1.).

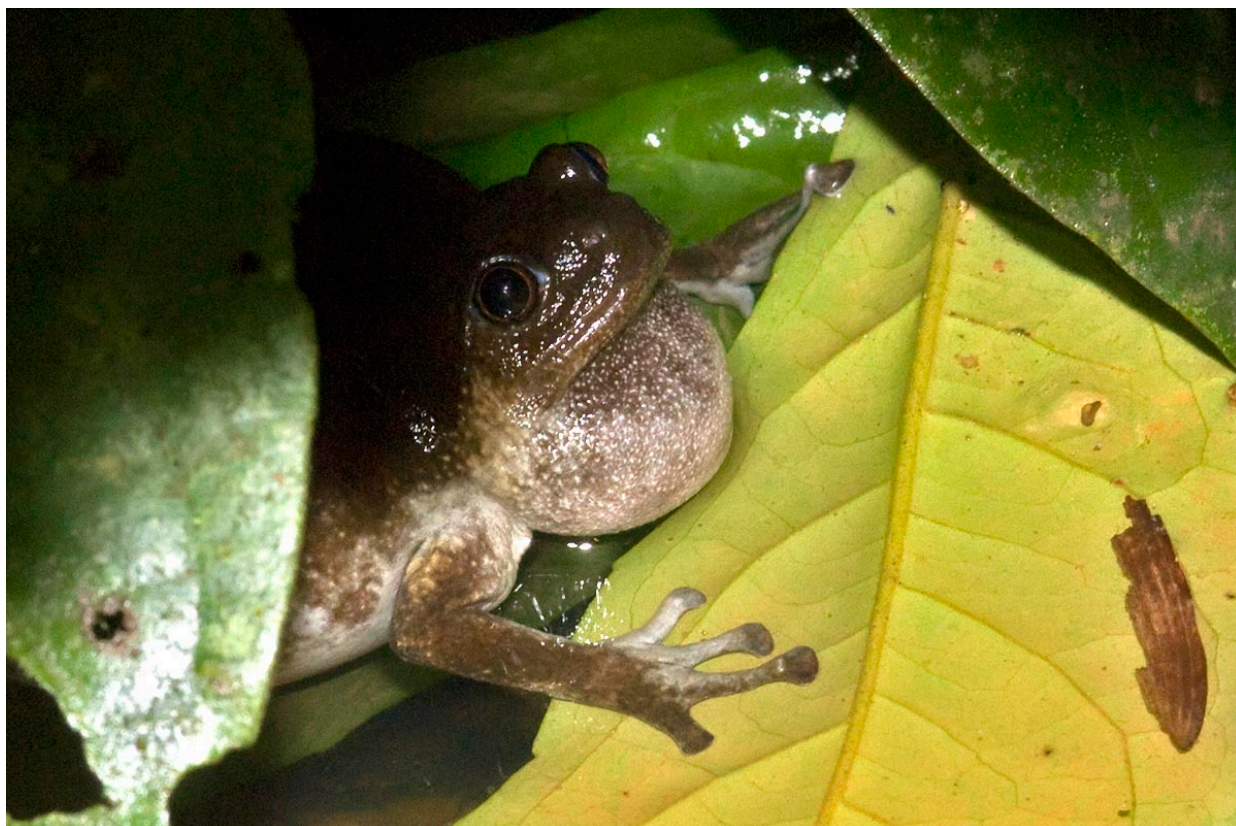


Fig. 1.

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Remarks : The features which identify the subject as *Kaloula baleata* are its relatively uniform brown dorsum, which lacks dark distinct bands along the flanks (as in *Kaloula pulchra*). Note also the expanded finger tips. The species was not recorded from the area by Chan *et al.* (2010).

SIGHTING RECORD : 2

Identity of subject: Corrugated Frog, *Limnonectes laticeps* (Amphibia: Anura: Dicroglossidae).

Observers: Nick Baker, Yeo Suay Hwee, Chan Kwok Wai.

Photograph by: Nick Baker.

Subject identified by: Leong Tzi Ming, Nick Baker.

Location: Gunung Pantı Forest Reserve, Johor, Peninsular Malaysia.

Habitat: Rocky stream in lowland dipterocarp forest.

Date and time: 25 November 2006, 21:55 hrs.

Description of record: A single specimen of *Limnonectes laticeps*, with an estimated snout-vent length of 4 cm, was seen resting on the sandy bank of a fast-flowing, rocky stream at the base of Gunung Pantı (Fig 2.).



Fig. 2.

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Remarks : The key features which identify the subject as *Limnonectes laticeps* are the distinct corrugated texture of its skin, its orange-brown colouration, combined with the incomplete webbing of its hindfeet (vs complete webbing in the *Limnonectes kuhlii* group). The species was not recorded from the area by Chan *et al.* (2010)

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