

Raffles' Banded Langur *Presbytis femoralis femoralis* in southern Pahang, Peninsular Malaysia

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Location: Edge of Endau-Rompin National Park (near Pahang entrance), Pahang, Peninsular Malaysia.

Elevation: 24 metres.

Habitat: Forest edge, contiguous with lowland forest, and bisected by narrow, public road.

Date and time: 19 April 2019, 10:55 hrs.

Identity of subject: Raffles' Banded Langur, *Presbytis femoralis femoralis* (Mammalia, Primates, Cercopithecidae).

Description of record: Whilst driving along a public, tarmac road (Route 2488), less than 8 km from the Pahang entrance of Endau-Rompin National Park, a loud crashing sound was heard from the forest canopy. Upon closer inspection, a troop of at least 5 *Presbytis femoralis femoralis* was observed around 50 metres from the road. A clear image was acquired of one individual in the mid-canopy (Fig. 1). The langurs were extremely shy and retreated further into the forest whilst being observed, emitting low, but loud, rattling alarm calls.



Fig. 1.

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Remarks: The primate in Figure 1 is identified as Raffles' Banded Langur *Presbytis femoralis femoralis* based on (i) blackish dorsal fur and a grey underside bisected by a white median line (as compared to the Pale-thighed Langur *P. siamensis siamensis* which has a paler greyish-brown dorsal fur and a whitish underside, extending to the inner surfaces of limbs and reaching down to wrists and ankles), and (ii) white eye-rings which are discontinuous/incomplete (as compared to the Dusky Langur *Trachypithecus obscurus obscurus* which has characteristic "spectacles" of white skin around the eyes and a whitish muzzle) (Groves & Roos 2013a; Groves & Roos 2013b; Groves et al. 2013).

Presbytis f. femoralis is confirmed from Singapore and the Malaysian state of Johor, but its continued presence in the Malaysian state of Pahang was uncertain. Davison (1990) noted the presence of banded leaf monkey (*P. melalophos*; now *P. femoralis*) in Ulu Kinchin, Pahang, but Groves (2001) restricted its range to only Singapore and Johor. More recently, Roos et al. (2014) included the extreme south of Pahang within the distribution of *P. f. femoralis* but there was no known published evidence. This current photographic record confirms the presence of *P. f. femoralis* in lowland forest at the northeastern border of the Pahang portion of Endau-Rompin National Park.

The lack of recent records of this subspecies from Endau-Rompin National Park (Pahang) may be due to the extreme shyness of this elusive primate.

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