

TRIP REPORT

7D6N WILDLIFE TOURS WEST-CENTRAL JAVA

30 SEPTEMBER-6 OCTOBER 2024



1. Javan Slow Loris
2. Javan Gibbon
3. Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey
4. Javan Surili
5. West Javan Ebony Langur
6. Ebony Leaf Langur
7. Long-tailed Macaque

Duration : 7D6N

Dates : 30 September-6 Oktober 2024

Participant : Sichao

Locations :

West Java

- Gunung Halimun Salak NP

Yogyakarta

- Jatimulyo village
- Purwosari village

Central Java

- Gunung Gempol village
- Kemuning forest
- Petungkriyono lowlands
- Mendolo village

Wildlife :

- 7 primates
- 9 mammals
- 58 birds

Cover: All seven Java's primate found during the tour



Overview

A tremendous success of our 7D6N wildlife tour to West and Central Java, with all seven primate species of the island seen and photographed! Primates became the most priority to find, especially for the **Javan Slow Loris** and **Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey**. The final results are very satisfying, where five of the seven species are lifer to our guest!

In addition, 10 mammals were seen, such as **Black-eared Pygmy Squirrel** and **Common Palm Civet**. **Javan Ferret-badger** seen through the thermal, but no direct sighting. Also some number of birds recorded, including five kingfishers and the **Javan Banded Pitta**.

Tours

Gunung Halimun NP in West Java became the first location visited. Early morning drive from Jakarta in about seven hours paid after a group of **Javan Surili** and **West Javan Ebony Langur** seen during this first session. The group of Javan Surili was seen immediately at the forest edge and seen again on our walk back to the village. At least five individuals in the group, including one with a baby.



West Javan Ebony Langur

In this afternoon session, the Javan Gibbon is only being heard without being visually seen. Three squirrels seen on the forest trail, including a **Black Giant Squirrel** on top of a tree, two **Black-eared Pygmy Squirrels** and a **Black-striped Squirrel**. A **Collared Kingfisher** seen perched at a tree in the open area close to the forest edge.

Mammals were scarce during the night walk. Only **Common Palm Civet** seen. At least three individuals were found. No other mammals encountered in about three hours searched along the main road of Cikaniki Research Station. It might have resulted from no fruiting trees along the forest road.

Only one **Sunda Forktail** perched in sleep and two frog species found: **Kuhl's Creek Frog** and **Reinwardt's Flying Frog**.

On the next morning, the Javan Surili was again seen, presumed to be the same group found in the previous day. This time, allowed us to take a photograph. It followed to an encounter with another group of **West Javan Ebony Langur**.



Black-eared Pygmy Squirrel

We followed the **Javan Gibbon's** calls and hiked up leaving the main trail connecting Citalahab and Cikaniki. After long searching, we finally found two gibbons in a close distance, feeding in fruiting fig. Two others were seen after.

Walking back to the main trail, other group of Javan Surili and West Javan Ebony Langur were seen. This time with a very good view.



Javan Surili with its baby

We spent almost three hours enjoying the three primates in a very close distance from each other. One Javan Surili is seen close and calm while eating the young leaves.

We left the park at noon and caught up on the night train to reach Menoreh Mts in Yogyakarta. Arrived in the next morning and headed directly to Jatimulyo village. This bird-friendly village was first visited, mainly for a birding session.

There are a plenty of **Orange-bellied Flowerpecker**, a female of **Javan Sunbird** around the Kopi Sulingan's house. First hide visits were for **Rufous-backed Dwarf-kingfisher** resulted a good view. **Javan Kingfisher** hide visited after, resulting in sighting and other visited birds: **Rufous-browed** and **Horsfield's Babbler**.

By suprise, a **Javan Treeshrew** showed up. The treeshrew quickly moved from the ground to the tree and dissapeared.

The night walk in the village found a **Javanese Flying Squirrel** on a coconut tree. While waiting in a villager's kitchen resulted in thermal sighting of a **Javan Ferret-badger**, without chance to direct visual sighting as it disapeared in the bushes.



Javan Kingfisher (left) and female of Blue-eared Kingfisher (right)



Rufous-browed Babbler (left) and Horsfield's Babbler (right).

On the next morning, just before dawn, we visited a Javan Porcupine's dune located in an agroforest area of Purwosari village. Accompanied by villagers that had checked in the previous day.

However, no sighting of this little known mammal. This species might have came back and entered its dun faster because of the rain. Only fresh footprints found close to the dun.

A short wildlife watching made after before leaving the village. **Brown-throated Sunbird**, **Litle Spiderhunter** and **Javan Munia** added to the list. Another Javan Treeshrew seen actively, but cannot be photographed.

The highlight was **Blue-eared Kingfisher**, where a pair came to the hide. Other visiting birds to the hide were Rufous-browed and Horsfield's Babbler. Just before leaving the homestay, two **Crested Serpent-eagle** soared in just close distance until it flew away and dissapeared.



Crested Serpent-eagle

Gunung Gempol village in Temanggung visited before noon, especially to look for the **Javan Banded Pitta**. We found a good number of birds in the dominated coffee plantation, showed a healthy population. However, only in the afternoon the birds were allowed to be photographed.

Two **Coppersmith Barbets** perched in the open branch. A **Plantain Squirrel** and this time Javan Treeshrew finally able to be photographed.



Male (left) and female (right) of Javan Banded Pitta.

At night, Kemuning forest visited, especially to look for the Javan Slow Loris. There we were assisted by villagers and staff of Javan Wildlife Institute, a local NGO focused on the slow loris research and conservation work in the village.

The slow loris habitat is an agroforest ecosystem, dominated by forest cover and a shaded coffee plantation. Only on the first hour of searching, a **Sunda Colugo** is seen hanging upside down on a big branch. But, that was the only mammal found.

Only after almost two hours of searching, one of the villagers finally spotted the **Javan Slow Loris** we looked for. It is found high above the tree and actively feeding. A thrilled moment of this third slow loris for Sichao!

On our way back to the village, a Javanese Flying Squirrel encountered. This one with a better distance, closer from the previous finding, thus allows for being photographed.



Javan Slow Loris

Headed to Petungkriyono lowland forest early in the morning on the next day, where SwaraOwa's field office became our transit to start the primate watching session. Look for the primates only by following about 6 km main road connecting Petungkriyono to other districts.

At first, a group of **Spangled Ebony Langur** was seen first, but far across the hill. Another one group seen after, this time was close enough and tame. A group of **Long-tailed Macaque** seen close on the roads. It seems to get more adapted to making contact with people that pass by as sometime it being feed, even though prohibition signs for feeding wild animals are put along the road.

No sighting of Javan Gibbon, however the great calls were heard somewhere in the distance. Yet the hardest primate to look for, the Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey, still not seen. It was heard and seen around the field station, just after we left.

After this morning session, we visited Mendolo village to have a session for another chance to find the Javan Slow Loris.



Spangled Ebony Langur with juvenile

The youth community of Mendolo assisted us to find this Critically Endangered. First location visited, but found no sighting.

Only on the second location resulted. After about an hour searching, a single Javan Slow Loris found in only about three meters, on a canopy of the robusta coffee. Long wait to finally the slow loris able to be photographed after it moved to pangi tree.

While trying to get a good view, another individual seen by one of the villagers. However, it was difficult to come closer as the slow loris was seen high on a tall durian tree and kept on moving.

After this successful night, the plan for the next day was changed to only focus on Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey.



Long-tailed Macaque

Morning drove from the town, a **Javan Mongoose** seen crossing the road. The surrounding area is paddy fields and it is a good habitat for the species. However, it was still an unexpected encounter.

Started to find the leaf monkey around 7 am, this time by motorcycles. A group was seen crossing the road's canopy. However, it very quickly moved in such a nervous movement and gave only a very brief encounter.

It gave no chance to be clearly seen. So shy. Only the alarm calls that ensured it was the Javan Leaf Monkey's group. Totally different calls were given, as it made a fast "kek-kek-kek-kek-kek" calls, adapted to its local name given, *rekrekan*. While the Ebony Spangled Langur that has the same black appearance gives a short "gek-gok" call.



Javan Gibbon

The bird kept on its perch in silence for such a long time. A very friendly and cooperative bird!

Heavy rain fell for a couple of hours and right after it stopped, we drove back to Petungkriyono for the Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey. But, still no encountered even though effort to find it made until dusk. Planned made to visit on the same spot and time for the next morning, hoping the same group again came and cross.



Male Banded Kingfisher



Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey

However, this morning session gave us a good encounter with the Javan Gibbon. Two were seen close and allowed to be photographed.

Back to Mendolo village for the **Banded Kingfisher**. A good sighting made of a male perched on the open branch of a durian tree. A perfect spot to capture this beautiful striking red bill bird with blue, orange, brown, black and white color combination.

Only in our last morning it finally resulted a sighting. From the previous day location in about the same hour, again a group of **Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey** seen crossed the road. It then stop and ate on the valley in calmly, gave a chance being seen and photographed. Took such an effort for this seventh primate of the tour, added to 63 species in Sichao's primate list!

An **Orange-bellied Snake** found suffering just after being hit ended the tour.

Systematic list

Indonesian endemic species in asterisk

PRIMATES

Lorisidae

1. Javan Slow Loris *Nycticebus javanicus**

Cercopithecidae

2. Long-tailed Macaque *Macaca fascicularis*
3. Javan Surili *Presbytis comata**
4. Javan Fuscous Leaf Monkey *Presbytis fredericae**
5. West Javan Ebony Langur *Trachypithecus mauritius**
6. Spangled Ebony Langur *Trachypithecus auratus**

Hylobatidae

7. Javan (Silvery) Gibbon *Hylobates moloch**

MAMMALS

Tupaïidae

1. Javan Treeshrew *Tupaia javanica**

Cynocephalidae

2. Sunda Colugo *Galeopterus variegatus*

Mustelidae

3. Javan Ferret-badger *Melogale orientalis**

Viverridae

4. Common Palm Civet *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*

Herpestidae

5. Javan Mongoose *Urva javanica*

Sciuridae

6. Black-striped Squirrel *Callosciurus nigrovittatus*
7. Plantain Squirrel *Callosciurus notatus*
8. Black-eared Pygmy Squirrel *Nannosciurus melanotis*
9. Black Giant Squirrel *Ratufa bicolor*
10. Javanese Flying Squirrel *Iomys horsfieldii*

BIRDS

Columbidae

1. Eastern Spotted Dove *Spilopelia chinensis*

Accipitridae

2. Crested Serpent-eagle *Spilornis cheela*

Alcedinidae

3. Rufous-backed Dwarf-kingfisher *Ceyx rufidorsa*
4. Javan Kingfisher *Halcyon cyanoventris**
5. Blue-eared Kingfisher *Alcedo meninting*
6. Banded Kingfisher *Lacedo pulchella*
7. Collared Kingfisher *Todiramphus chloris*

Megalaimidae

8. Coppersmith Barbet *Psilopogon haemacephala*

Muscicapidae

9. Sunda Forktail *Enicurus velatus**

Pellorneidae

10. Rufous-browed Babbler *Pellorneum capistratum**

11. Horsfield's Babbler *Malacocincla sepiaria*

Dicaeidae

12. Orange-bellied Flowerpecker *Dicaeum trigonostigma*

Nectariniidae

13. Streaky-breasted Spiderhunter *Arachnothera affinis*

14. Javan Sunbird *Aethopyga mystacalis**

15. Brown-throated Sunbird *Anthreptes malacensis*

Estrildidae

16. Javan Munia *Lonchura leucogastroides**

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Colubridae

Orange-bellied Snake *Gongylosoma baliodeirus*

Dicroglossidae

Kuhl's Wart Frog *Limnonectes kuhlii*

Rhacophoridae

Reinwardt's Flying (Gliding atau Tree) Frog

*Rhacophorus reinwardtii**

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