

Soggy Singapore Stopover

8th – 12th January 2025



Introduction

We broke our trip from Australia back home in Singapore, pretty easy as we were travelling with Singapore Airlines. We stayed close to the centre of town and used a mixture of public transport and taxis to get around.

I organised a guide Iwan Kwan from Nature Adventures SG who was a good guide, he knew about a wide range of wildlife and I would use him again.



Olive Backed Sunbird

Wednesday 8th January

We arrived mid afternoon and after checking in to our hotel quickly headed to the Gardens of the bay. Here we encountered our first wildlife, common myna, feral pigeons, zebra doves and tree sparrows. The star bird was a White bellied fish eagle flyby.



Java Myna



Plain Tiger



Colugo

Thursday 9th January

We met our guide and headed to Lower Pierce reservoir park to look for two species of monkeys, the Macaques were easy to find but despite spending all morning here and nearby Thomson nature park we had no luck with the Langurs. We did see plenty of other things during our walk Lesser mouse deer, Slender squirrel, Plantain squirrel, wild boar, water monitor and a selection of birds the pick Greater racket tailed drongo.

We found a Wagler's pit viper near the toilet block and several flowering Bamboo orchids before taking a break for lunch.

In the afternoon we went to the Botanical garden which was alive with birds such as Olive backed sunbird, Long tailed parakeets, black swans, lesser whistling ducks, blue rumped parrots.

The place was full of squirrels but in the gloom of the rainforest area but we managed to find a Common tree shrew amongst them.



Slender Squirrel



Lesser Dog Faced Fruit Bat



Common Marsh Glider

We headed off for some food before our night walk at Bukit Timah. Here we quickly found some feeding lesser dog faced fruit bats. The small stream held walking catfish, swamp eels, freshwater crabs, forest shrimps and some frogs. We could not find any Colugos but did find an Oriental scops owl some Cave nectar bats and some pipistrelles and a striped bronzeback. With time moving on we headed to Bukit Batok here we found a few brown rats and a few roosting small birds I was getting concerned about seeing Colugos because weather the following day was looking poor so this would be our only chance but one flew right over me and landed in the closest tree and showed well. Ivan also located another one high up in a tree, it was now very late so we called it a night.



Common Tree Shrew



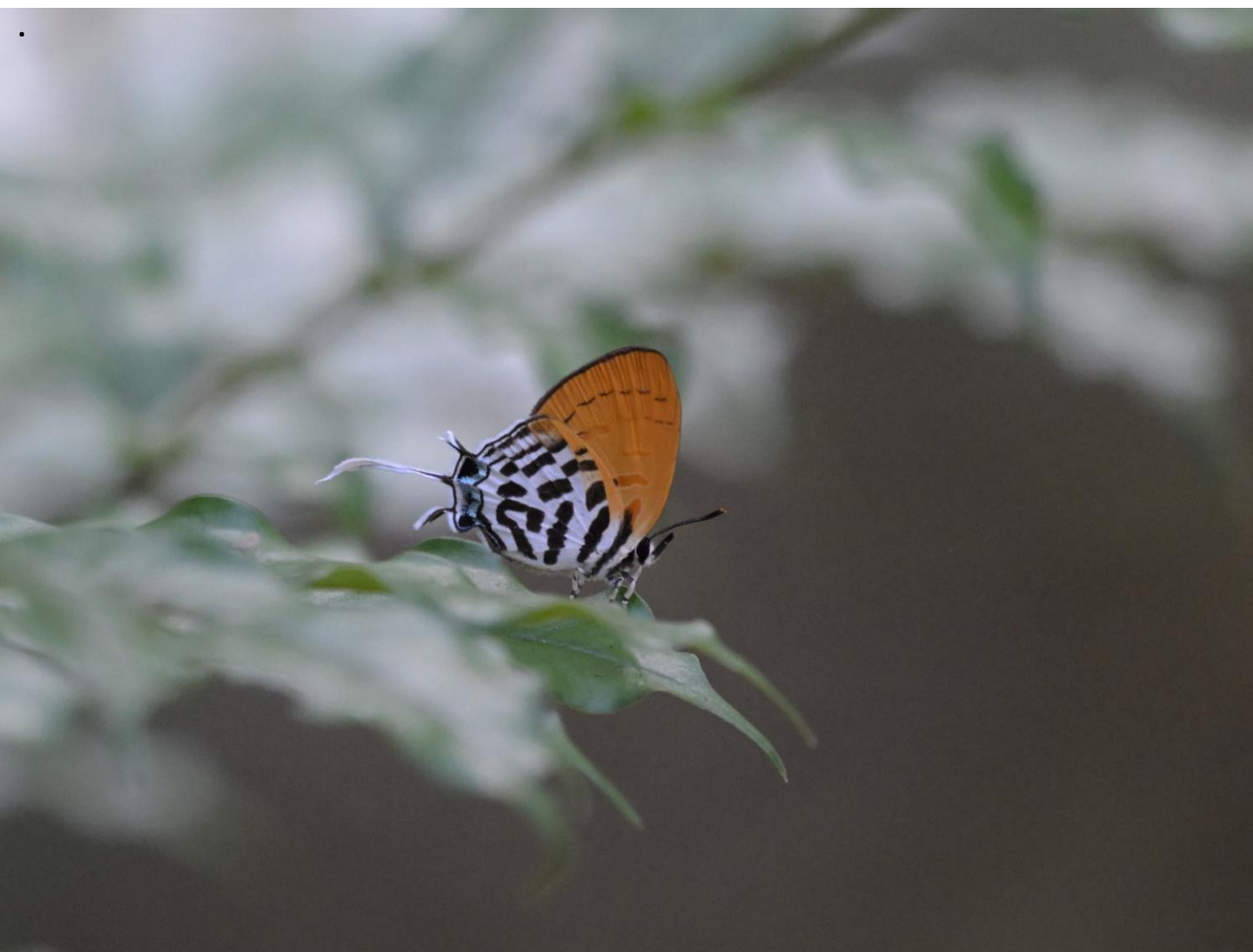
Yellow-vented bulbul

Friday 10th January

We returned to Lower Pierce reservoir for another look for the Langurs, the weather was threatening rain but it held off for an hour or so and we found a few things new for the trip Red legged crane, scarlet sunbird, but no Langurs. Rain made us retreat to shelter and we took another quick look before the torrential rain made us head for shelter. The rain was set for the day so we took a break.

With the torrential rain unrelenting we visited Sungei Buloh wetlands in the late afternoon. It at least had plenty of shelter. It also had a nice selection of birds and we would have spent much more time here if the weather had been better. There were several saltwater crocodiles, lots of egrets and herons and loads of night herons and striated herons. We also had a few Milky storks and common sandpipers. In the buildings there were a couple of bat roosts all Lesser Dog faced fruit bats.

As the light faded we headed out of the reserve spotting a collared kingfisher and Oriental magpie robin in the pouring rain and we cancelled our planned night walk.



Branded Imperial

Giant Coua



Malay Viscount



Julia Heliconian

Saturday 11th January

The rain was still torrential so we did mainly touristy stuff but on Sentosa Island we managed to add Brahminy kite and black naped oriole to the trip list.



Sunday 12th January

We had an uneventful early flight home.



White-breasted waterhen

Lists



Long Tailed Macaque

Birds - 47

Zebra Dove	Tree Sparrow	Common Myna
Javan Myna	Feral Pigeon	Mute Swan
Black Swan	Oriental Scops Owl	Yellow Vented Bulbul
Long Tailed Parakeet	Olive Backed Sunbird	Red Legged Crake
White Rumped Sharma	Hill Myna	Pacific Swallow
	Red Crowned Barbet	White Breasted Waterhen
Common Sandpiper	Milky Stork	Asian Glossy Starling
Collared Kingfisher	Greater Racket Tailed Drongo	Common Flameback
Red Jungle Fowl	Pink Necked Green Pigeon	Oriental Magpie Robin
Asian Koel	Black Naped Oriole	Brahminy Kite
Crimson Sunbird	Grey Heron	Little Egret
Intermediate Egret	Great Egret	Pied Imperial Pigeon
House Crow	Black Crowned Night Heron	Striated Heron
Lesser Whistling Duck	Black Necked swiftlet	Edible Nest Swiftlet
White Bellied Sea eagle	Spotted Dove	Blue-crowned hanging parrot
Olive Winged Bulbul	Pin-striped Tit-Babbler	



Oriental Scops Owl

Mammals - 11

Colugo	Lesser Mouse Deer	Long Tailed Macaque
Plantain squirrel	Slender Squirrel	Wild Boar
Lesser Dog Faced Fruit Bat	Cave nectar bat	Brown Rat
Pipistrelle Bat sp	Common Tree Shrew	



Plantain Squirrel

Herps - 14

Red Eared Slider	Saltwater Crocodile	4 Lined Tree Frog
Striped Bronzeback	Many Lined Sand Skink	Wagler's Pit Viper
Pig Nosed Turtle	Malaysian Giant Frog	Gunters Frog
Changeable lizard	Green Crested Lizard	Water Monitor
Clouded Monitor Lizard	Crab-eating Frog	



Wagler's Pit Viper

Selected Plants.

Bamboo Orchid
African Tulip Tree
Philippine Ground Orchid
Red Flame
African Coromandel
Malabar Melastome
Tiger Orchid



Bamboo Orchid



Philippine Ground Orchid

Selected Others

Branded Imperial	Freshwater Crab	Malay Forest Shrimp
Walking Catfish	Swamp Eel	Lesser Banded Hornet
Common Parasol	Julia Heliconian	Plain Tiger
Broad Footed Carpenter Bee	Chocolate Pansy	Blue Sprite
Yellow Barred Flutterer	Common palmfly	Common Five Ring
Malay viscount	Common Mormon	Golden orb-weavers
Erebus hieroglyphica	Mottled emigrant	Tropical carpenter bee
Brown-backed Red Marsh Hawk	Crimson Marsh Glider	Ditch Jewel
Scarlet Skimmer	Common Tit	



Chocolate Pansy

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Saltwater Crocodile