

Short Note

**A new record of *Chaerephon johorensis* at Mount Jerai,
Kedah, Malaysia**

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Chaerephon johorensis, a wrinkled lipped bat of the family molossidae was recorded in mount Jerai, Kedah. this new record for Kedah was caught at hutan Lipur air terjun Batu hampar. this species was previously recorded in Krau wildlife reserve, taman negara, Johor (type locality) and a single locality in sumatra. this new record extends the current distribution of this species right up to northwest of Peninsular malaysia. Other notable discovery includes 25 species of small mammals.

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Mollosids, commonly known as free-tailed bats are characterized by the presence of free tail extending beyond the uropatagium of the bats (Francis 2008). there are only four species of mollosids in malaysia and all four are found in Peninsular malaysia. these bats are less studied in malaysia due to its low abundance and scarce records except for *Cheiromeles torquatus*.

We report a first record of *Chaerephon johorensis* (Figure 1) in Kedah, from our short survey in mount Jerai. a total of four individuals (Field No. MJ059, MJ061, MJ063 and MJ066) were mist-netted across river at hutan Lipur air terjun Batu hampar.

The nets were placed above a stream as high as possible and this species were caught along with Least False-serotine (*Hesperoptenus blanfordi*). it was previously found in Krau wildlife reserve, taman negara, Johor (type locality) and a single locality in sumatra. this record extends the current distribution of this species to the northwest of Peninsular malaysia (see <http://maps.iucnredlist.org/map.html?id=4313>).

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