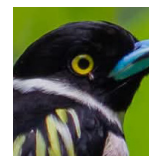


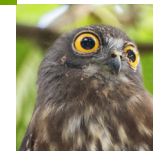


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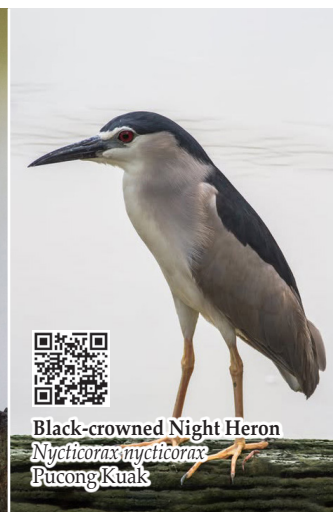
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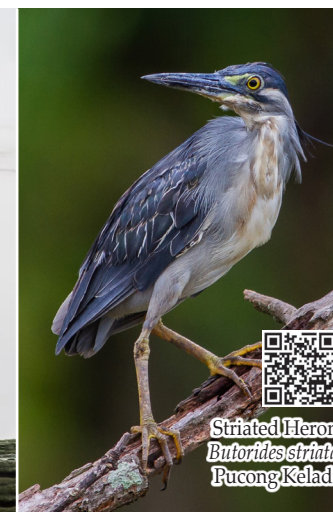
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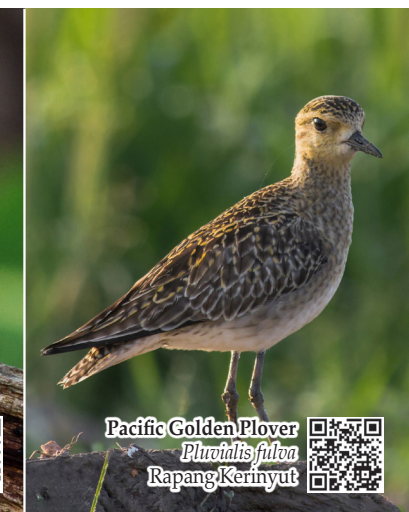
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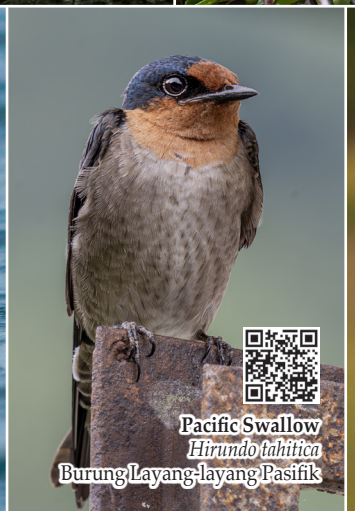
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Birds of SEBERANG PERAI





Avitourism in Penang

Avitourism in Penang is growing in popularity, especially among bird lovers and biodiversity researchers. In addition to being known for its culture and food, Penang also offers a rich bird biodiversity, particularly in Seberang Perai, which has many natural areas and bird habitats.

Here are some of the avitourism hotspots in Penang, especially in Seberang Perai, which is rich in natural areas and bird habitats:

1. Air Hitam Dalam Educational Forest

Air Hitam Dalam Educational Forest in Seberang Perai Utara, Penang, is a freshwater swamp forest covering approximately 10 hectares and is a significant hotspot for avitourism activities. The area is divided into several zones based on the dominant plant species such as nipah, putat, jejawi, and malabera. It is home to over 150 bird species, including migratory birds, making it a key location for birdwatching enthusiasts both locally and internationally.

Facilities include a bird observation tower, wooden boardwalks, a 210-meter suspension bridge, toilets, food stalls, and an information center. The best times to observe birds are early in the morning and during dusk.

2. Taman Negeri Bukit Panchor

Taman Negeri Bukit Panchor, located in Seberang Perai Selatan, Penang, is an attractive destination for avitourism. With an area of 446 hectares and an elevation of up to 416 meters, this park has hill dipterocarp forest and peat swamp habitats that are rich in flora and fauna.

The park is an ideal location for birdwatching, with forest bird species such as the Crested Serpent-eagle, Gold-whiskered Barbet, and Banded Woodpecker frequently seen. The park's tranquil atmosphere and lack of disturbances make it a perfect spot for birdwatching while enjoying the forest trails. Other popular activities include hiking and bird photography in their natural habitats.

Visitors can also explore bat caves and stick caves, as well as a campsite with basic facilities. The park is located just 10 km from Nibong Tebal and 50 km from George Town, making it easily accessible by private vehicle. However, public transportation is limited, so a personal vehicle or taxi is the best option for getting there.

3. Teluk Air Tawar (Kuala Muda Coast)

Teluk Air Tawar-Kuala Muda is a major avitourism destination in Penang, famous as a stopover for migratory birds along the East Asian-Australasian Flyway. Every year, thousands of migratory birds such as the snipe, little egret, and threatened species like the Spoon-billed

Sandpiper and Nordmann's Greenshank use this 500-hectare area as a temporary habitat. With over 200 bird species recorded, it attracts birdwatching enthusiasts from near and far.

Avitourism activities here include birdwatching from boats to avoid disturbing the natural habitat, as well as awareness and educational programs related to bird and mangrove ecosystem conservation. This attraction not only offers tourists the chance to closely observe migratory birds but also supports conservation efforts and the local economy through sustainable ecotourism.

4. Permatang Pauh (Rice Paddies Area)

Permatang Pauh in Seberang Perai, Penang, is a traditional rice paddy area that serves as an important habitat for various water bird species. The rice paddies here provide food and shelter to birds such as egrets, storks and waders. These species are often found foraging in shallow water during the rice planting and harvesting seasons.

The rice paddies in Permatang Pauh offer opportunities for rural avitourism, where visitors can observe birds while enjoying the village atmosphere and learning about the relationship between agriculture and wildlife. This activity is not only enjoyable but also raises awareness about the importance of preserving the environment in traditional agricultural areas.

5. Taman Rimba Bukit Mertajam

Taman Rimba Bukit Mertajam in Seberang Perai, Penang, is a low hill forest area rich in tropical forest bird biodiversity, including species such as the leafbird, and various raptors. Over 100 bird species have been documented here, including predators like the Crested Serpent-Eagle and Changeable Hawk-Eagle making it an exciting location for avitourism.

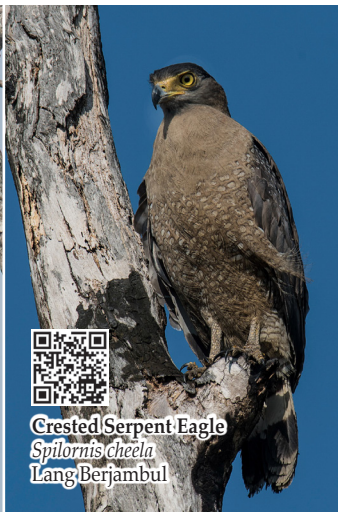
The park offers hiking trails that allow visitors to see birds at various elevations while enjoying the peaceful forest surroundings. It is also a popular spot for educational visits regarding biodiversity and environmental conservation awareness. The main activity here is birdwatching while hiking, which allows visitors to enjoy the beauty of the flora, fauna, and birds in their natural habitat.

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Changeable Hawk-eagle
Nisaeetus cirrhatius
Langkadek



Crested Serpent Eagle
Spilornis cheela
Lang Berjambul



Asian Fairy-bluebird
Irena puella
Murai Gajah



Banded Bay Cuckoo
Cacomantis sonneratii
Sewah Takuweh



Black-winged Flycatcher-shrike
Hemipus hirundinaceus
Rembah Sayap Hitam



Banded Broadbill
Eurylaimus javanicus
Takau Rimba



Black-and-yellow Broadbill
Eurylaimus ochromalus
Takau Hitam Kuning



Crimson-winged Woodpecker
Picus puniceus
Belatok Mas



Asian Brown Flycatcher
Muscicapa dauurica
Sambar Asia



Black-naped Oriole
Oriolus chinensis
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Brown Boobook
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Brahminy Kite
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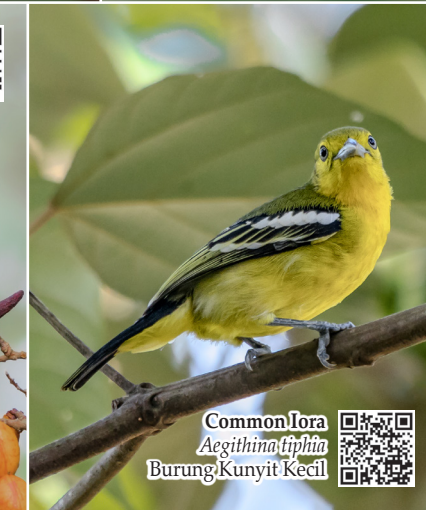
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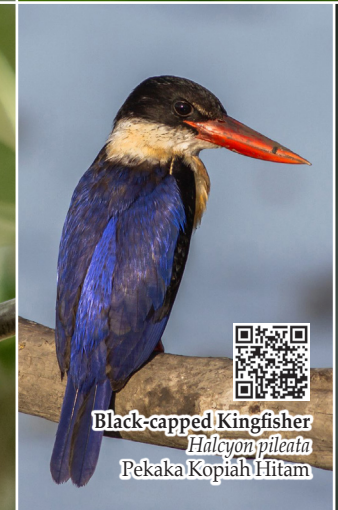
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Perling Mata Merah



Common Iora
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Burung Kunyit Kecil



Black-capped Kingfisher
Halcyon pileata
Pekaka Kopiah Hitam



Common Flameback Woodpecker
Dinopium javanense
Belatok Pinang Muda



White-throated Kingfisher
Halcyon smyrnensis
Pekaka Belukar



Blue-winged Pitta
Pitta moluccensis
Burung Pacat Sayap Biru



Asian Koel
Eudynamis scolopacea
Sewah Tahu



Arctic Warbler
Phylloscopus borealis
Cekup Daun Artik



Ashy Tailorbird
Orthotomus ruficeps
Perenjak Bukit



Dark-necked Tailorbird
Orthotomus atrogularis
Perenjak Belukar



Black-headed Bulbul
Brachypodius atriceps
Merbah Siam



Blue-winged Leafbird
Chloropsis cochinchinensis
Burung Daun Sayap Biru



Buff-vented Bulbul
Iole crypta
Merbah Riang



Common Tailorbird
Orthotomus sutorius
Perenjak Bisang



Blue-tailed Bee-eater
Merops philippinus
Berek-berek Carik Dada



Blyth's Frogmouth
Batrachostomus affinis
Segan Blyth



Red Junglefowl
Gallus gallus
Ayam Hutan