

Project Update: May 2014

Foraging Pattern:

S. no:	Common Name	Scientific Name	No. of Foraging Observations	Species and Plant Part Consumed
1	red giant flying squirrel	<i>Petaurista petaurista</i>	34	<i>Ficus rumphi</i> – complete drupe
			7	<i>Ficus heterophylla</i> – complete drupe
2	particoloured flying squirrel	<i>Hylopetes alboniger</i>	10	<i>Ficus rumphi</i> – complete drupe
3	masked palm civet	<i>Paguma larvata</i>	4	<i>Ficus heterophylla</i> – complete drupe
4	Asian palm civet	<i>Paradoxurus hermaphroditus</i>	1	<i>Ficus bengalensis</i> - complete drupe

Ethno-Zoological Survey:

As hunting is strictly banned as of now in the villages due to the efforts of Forest Department and village committees, it was difficult for us to get the responses from the traditional healers. But we managed by interviewing four traditional healers of which two were lisus and two chakmas. They reported the usage of red giant flying squirrel (*Petaurista petaurista*) urine in the treatment of stones in the Kidneys. The kernels of *Oryza* species are stored in the urine of the squirrel and consumed to treat the stones in the kidneys. The chakmas also mentioned about the use of slow loris hair in the treatment of cuts and wounds



Red giant flying squirrel feeding on the ripe fruits of *Ficus rumphii*