

Last Night's Herp – February 22, 2017

Just a quick rundown of last night's herping activity here in Southern Thailand – Krabi province. I walked around for two hours last night between 8 pm. and 10 pm. and found quite a lot of wildlife active. The weather has been dry and hot (33°C max during daylight, and around 29°C at night at this time). No wind, and dry air – maybe 50% humidity.

Found:

1. **Malayan pit viper** (*C. rhodostoma*) – male, 50 cm, on the move, actively hunting prey.
2. **Malayan whip snake** (*A. mycterizans*) – very light green 80 cm, sleeping on large leaves at 2 meters off ground.
3. **Oriental whip snake** (*A. prasina*) – light brown, sleeping on large leaves at 1 meter off ground.
4. **5 Slow lorises** () – all in trees and ranging from 4 meters off the ground to 30 meters or more.
5. **30+ Lizards** – most or all were Forest crested lizards (*C. emma*), though one or two I couldn't see well could have been *A. mystaceus*).
6. **Stick Insect** – about 4 inches long. Love these.
7. **Tiny green bird** shaped like a sphere – not bigger than a golf ball. Sleeping on a large-leafed plant 1 meter off the ground on a sloping hill with 30% grade.
8. Numerous **Spiders, Millipedes, Centipedes, Forest Scorpions** mostly, but including one very small and a thin scorpion I believe from the genus *Heterometrus*.
9. **2 Nightjars** – these are birds of prey which feed on insects in the air or on the ground – grasshoppers, mosquitos, beetles, etc. I also saw a number of them flying around overhead.