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Colour variation in Common Palm Civet (*Paradoxurus hermaphroditus*) in Bonai Forest Division, Odisha, India

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ABSTRACT

Partially leucistic Common Palm Civet is recorded from Amrudihi Reserve Forest of Kuliposh Range in Bonai Forest Division, Odisha. The photograph is provided for easy identification along with associated floral & faunal species.

The colour variations in Common Palm Civet has been reported from Odisha and other states in India. On 18th August 2021 (21° 51' 16.0" N; 85° 2.0' 36" E), a partially leucistic Common Palm Civet was captured in Camera Trap at Amrudihi Reserve Forest, Kuliposh Range, Bonai Forest Division, Sundargarh, Odisha (Figure 1). It is a small mammal belongs to

the family Viverridae and distributed from Southern to Southeastern Asia. In Odisha state, the albinistic Common Palm Civet reported from Satkosia Tiger Reserve and one new species is described from Similipal Tiger Reserve (Taylor 1891; Ali et al. 1988; Sharma 2004; Vasudeva et al., 2021). After literature survey, It is concluded that the present captured of

partially leucistic Common Palm Civet is first record in Bonai Forest Division, Sundergarh, Odisha.

Associated faunal species: Barking deer, Four-horned antelope, Sloth bear, Porcupine, Small Indian Civet, Gray Langur, Wild Boar, Asian Elephant etc.



Figure 1: Partially leucistic Common Palm Civet in Bonai Forest Division, Odisha

Associated floral species: Sal (*Shorea robusta*), Asana (*Terminalia alata*), Mahula (*Madhuca longifolia*), Chara (*Buchanania lanzan*) etc are recorded as a common associated tree species.

Observed threats: Anthropogenic activities.

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