

# NATURAL MAN

## A RECORD FROM BORNEO

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Most of the Bornean peoples are, at least partially, hunters, since they breed no animals, except the pig and fowl, for the table; while such tribes as the Punans rely almost exclusively on their powers as *shikaris*.

The wild pig is the principal object of the chase, but deer of several species are also hunted. The largest of these is rather bigger than the English fallow deer; the smallest is the mouse deer, standing only about thirteen inches at the shoulder; intermediate in size is the muntjac or barking deer. There are also small herds of wild cattle, a small rhinoceros, large lizards, various apes and monkeys, a large porcupine, and many small mammals, such as otters, bear-cats, civet-cats, and squirrels of various species, all of which are hunted for their flesh, as well as several birds. The tiger-cat and the honey-bear are hunted for their skins and teeth, and the dried gall-bladder of the bear is sold for medicine to the Chinese.

The pig and deer are hunted on foot by parties of men with a pack of four or five dogs. The dogs, having found the trail, chase the pig until he turns on them. They then surround the pig, barking and yelping, and