

These raids by *V. tropica* on the nests of the smaller vespids are closely linked with colony founding, and it would seem that *tropica* cannot get a new nest going unless there is an adequate supply of such nests, the adult larvae and pupae from which appear to be essential for feeding the young brood. Once the *tropica* colony is established the practice seems to cease, or to be only occasional.

I have in draft form an account of colony founding by *Vespa tropica* and *V. affinis*, which does not have this habit, but still lack photographs of certain stages before completing my manuscript.

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RHINOCEROS ON GUNONG JERAI

In the article on the flora of Gunong Jerai, *Malay. Nat. J.* 19 (2 & 3): 129-37, reference is made to Ridley's report of the presence of rhinoceros on this mountain, and it is suggested that the ploughing up of the turf noted by Ridley was probably done by tapir rather than by rhinoceros (p. 130).

I do not for one moment dispute this, but I think that it is worth placing on record that the late H. M. Pendlebury told me that he once came face to face with a rhinoceros at the summit of Gunong Jerai. Pendlebury was an extremely accurate observer and was certainly not given to exaggeration, and I think that there can be no doubt that his story was true. It is perhaps worth repeating as far as I remember it.

Some 35 years ago, when I was about to visit the Peak for the first time, I consulted Pendlebury about what insects to look for and about conditions in general. I should here mention that at that time, and indeed up to the time when the road to the summit was constructed, the final approach to the summit was up a narrow flight of steps cut out of the rock, the exposed side of the steps, that on the right, being protected by an iron hand rail. Pendlebury told me that some years previously he had been climbing this stairway in the early morning and just as his head came level with the top a rhinoceros looked down at him. He retreated, and so did the rhinoceros.

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