

Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve (TPK)

Introduction

Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve is a mature secondary forest that supports diverse flora and fauna. Nourished by hill streams that bring ample water all year round, the valley is a wildlife sanctuary where a dazzling mix of flora and fauna lead an interdependent coexistence. It is a popular site for observing wildlife and collecting data for specialized biological and ecological studies, especially those on dragonflies, mayflies, butterflies, moths, birds and forest ecology.

Transportation:

- Public Transport (Getting off at Tsung Tsai Yuen)
- KMB Routes
 - 72 Cheung Sha Wan → Tai Wo
 - 72A Tai Wai Railway Station Bus Terminus → Tai Po Industrial Estate
 - 73A Yu Chui Court → Choi Yuen
 - 74A Kwun Tong Ferry Bus Terminus → Tai Wo
- GMB
 - 28K Tai Po Market → Sha Tin (Pak Hok Ting Street)

Time Required:

- 2.5 – 3 hours

Difficulty Level:

- Low

Suitable Season:

- Bird Watching (November - April winter to early spring)
- Butterfly and Dragonfly Watching (June - September summer)
- Plant Watching (Whole Year)





Additional Information

Dragonflies

Scientific Name	English Name	Chinese Name
<i>Rhinocypha perforata perforata</i>	Common Blue Jewel	三斑鼻蟳
<i>Euphaea decorata</i>	Black-banded Gossamerwing	方帶幽蟳
<i>Agriomorpha fusca</i>	Chinese Yellowface	白尾野蟳
<i>Ceriagrion auranticum ryukyuanum</i>	Orange-tailed Sprite	琉球橘黃蟳
<i>Drepanosticta hongkongensis</i>	Blue-tailed Shadowdamsel	香港鏹扁蟳
<i>Prodasineura autumnalis</i>	Black Threadtail	烏齒原蟳
<i>Copera ciliata</i>	Black-kneed Featherlegs	白狹扇蟳
<i>Copera marginipes</i>	Yellow Featherlegs	黃狹扇蟳
<i>Calicnemia sinensis</i>	Chinese Mountain Damsel	華麗扇蟳
<i>Coeliccia cyanomelas</i>	Blue Forest Damsel	黃紋長腹蟳
<i>Anax nigrofasciatus nigrofasciatus</i>	Blue-spotted Emperor	黑紋偉蜓
<i>Anax guttatus</i>	Pale-spotted Emperor	斑偉蜓
<i>Orthetrum glaucum</i>	Common Blue Skimmer	黑尾灰蜻
<i>Tramea virginia</i>	Saddlebag Glider	華斜痣蜻
<i>Trithemis aurora</i>	Crimson Dropwing	曉褐蜻
<i>Rhyothemis triangularis</i>	Sapphire Flutterer	三角麗翅蜻

Butterflies

Scientific Name	English Name	Chinese Name
<i>Faunis eumeus</i>	Large Faun	串珠環蝶
<i>Ideopsis similis</i>	Ceylon Blue Glassy Tiger	擬旖斑蝶
<i>Zizeeria maha</i>	Pale Grass Blue	酢漿灰蝶
<i>Cupha erymanthis</i>	Rustic	黃襟蛺蝶
<i>Graphium agamemnon</i>	Tailed Jay	統帥青鳳蝶
<i>Graphium sarpedon</i>	Common Bluebottle	青鳳蝶
<i>Lamproptera curius</i>	White Dragontail	燕鳳蝶
<i>Papilio helenus</i>	Red Helen	玉斑鳳蝶
<i>Papilio paris</i>	Paris Peacock	巴黎翠鳳蝶
<i>Papilio polytes</i>	Common Mormon	玉帶鳳蝶
<i>Zemeros flegyas</i>	Punchinello	波蛺蝶
<i>Elymnias hypermnestra</i>	Common Palmfly	翠袖鋸眼蝶
<i>Mycalesis mineus</i>	Dark-brand Bush Brown	小眉眼蝶



Birds

Scientific Name	English Name	Chinese Name
<i>Leiothrix argentauris</i>	Silver-eared Mesia	銀耳相思鳥
<i>Garrulax chinensis</i>	Black-throated Laughingthrush	黑喉噪鷓
<i>Sitta frontalis</i>	Velvet-fronted Nuthatch	絨額鴉
<i>Yuhina zantholeuca</i>	White-bellied Yuhina	白腹鳳鷓
<i>Pericrocotus flammeus</i>	Scarlet Minivet	赤紅山椒鳥
<i>Parus major</i>	Great Tit	大山雀
<i>Copsychus saularis</i>	Oriental Magpie Robin	鶻鷓
<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	Red-whiskered Bulbul	紅耳鶻
<i>Megalaima virens</i>	Great Barbet	大擬啄木鳥
<i>Hierococcyx sparverioides</i>	Large Hawk Cuckoo	鷹鷓
<i>Stachyris ruficeps</i>	Rufous-capped Babbler	紅頭穗鷓
<i>Hypsipetes castanonotus</i>	Chestnut Bulbul	栗背短腳鶻
<i>Parus spilonotus</i>	Yellow-cheeked Tit	黃頰山雀
<i>Pericrocotus solaris</i>	Grey-chinned Minivet	灰喉山椒鳥
<i>Pomatorhinus ruficollis</i>	Streak-breasted Scimitar Babbler	棕頸鈎嘴鷓
<i>Aethopyga christinae</i>	Fork-tailed Sunbird	叉尾太陽鳥
<i>Dicaeum ignipectus</i>	Buff-bellied Flowerpecker	紅胸啄花鳥
<i>Pnoepyga pusilla</i>	Pygmy Wren Babbler	小鱗胸鷓鷃
<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	Spotted Dove	珠頸斑鳩
<i>Zosterops japonicus</i>	Japanese White-eye	暗綠繡眼鳥
<i>Pycnonotus sinensis</i>	Chinese Bulbul	白頭鶻
<i>Orthotomus sutorius</i>	Common Tailorbird	長尾縫葉鶻
<i>Minla cyanouroptera</i>	Blue-winged Minla	藍翅希鷓
<i>Dicaeum cruentatum</i>	Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker	朱背啄花鳥



Plants

Scientific Name	English Name	Chinese Name
<i>Sterculia lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaved Sterculia	假蘋婆
<i>Dichroa febrifuga</i>	Anti-febrile Dichroa	常山
<i>Desmos chinensis</i>	Desmos	假鷹爪
<i>Archidendron clypearia</i>	Monkey-pod	猴耳環
<i>Liquidambar formosana</i>	Sweet Gum	楓香
<i>Delonix regia</i>	Flame Tree	鳳凰木
<i>Schefflera heptaphylla</i>	Ivy Tree	鵝掌柴
<i>Melaleuca cajuputi subsp. cumingiana</i>	Paper-bark Tree	白千層
<i>Acacia confusa</i>	Taiwan Acacia	台灣相思
<i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i>	Lemon-scented Gum	檸檬桉
<i>Ficus hispida</i>	Opposite-leaved Fig	對葉榕
<i>Cibotium barometz</i>	Lamb of Tartary	金毛狗
<i>Pseudodrynaria coronans</i>	Rock-ginger Fern	崖薑
<i>Lemmaphyllum microphyllum</i>	n.a.	伏石蕨
<i>Hoya carnosa</i>	Wax Plant	球蘭
<i>Entada phaseoloides</i>	Giant Bean	過江龍 / 槓藤



Field Study for Integrated Science

Worksheet List

Worksheet ID	Worksheet Title
IS-1.1	What living and non-living things can you find in the country park?
IS-1.2	Do butterflies have the seven characteristics of living things?
IS-1.3	Am I a living or non-living thing?
IS-2	Catch me if you can!
IS-4	Hello, small animal!
IS-5	Watch out!
IS-8.1	Flowering or non-flowering? Love me, love me not!
IS-8.3	How are we different?
IS-9	HELLO! I am Mr. X!
IS-10	SOS — Save us and save our homes!





Field Study for Biology

Worksheet List

Worksheet ID	Worksheet Title
BIO-4	Basic features of ecosystems in Hong Kong
BIO-5	Abiotic factors affecting organisms
BIO-6	Observing ecological succession
BIO-7	The beautiful Hong Kong countryside Part A: Must-see places Part B: Who is helping to protect these places?
BIO-8	Protected areas in Hong Kong: Country Parks, Special Areas, Restricted Areas, Marine Parks and Marine Reserves



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