

Hong Kong Natural History Society
Report on September 2019 Inter-island Ferry Tour
Mui Wo – Peng Chau – Cheung Chau

In view of the turmoil and unrests in the recent situation of Hong Kong, members' participation was surprisingly not bad at all. 14 members and 5 guests registered and turned up in our inter-island hopping tour. Half of the group met at Mui Wo, caught the 9:25 am ferry to Peng Chau where the other half of the group was met at 9:45.



At Peng Chau, we began by approaching our trail from the left side of the pier. We strolled along the seaside exploring flora and fauna. Our first stop was at a small beach where we could look across to Disneyland and Ching Ma Bridge from a distance. We continued our way along the coast and soon came to our second break at a pavilion. Members had a good chat with a coffee break while resting at this scenic spot. We then arrived at Tai Lung Tsuen where native villagers took care of their backyard gardens and orchids. Turning into Tung Wan, a few of our members took some time to bird-watch at this very peaceful bay. A couple of juvenile hwameis were spotted in the bushes, and later, a coucal and a drongo. After re-grouping at Lung Mo Temple, we made our way to catch the 11:55 ferry for Cheung Chau.



We arrived Cheung Chau at 12:45 via Mui Wo. 12 members immediately went to a restaurant near the pier for our pre-booked lunch. It all went well as we got into shade and rests during mid-day, escaping from the ferocious heat of the sun. The whole group re-gathered at about 2:15 and started our walk along Cheung Chau Beach Road. We soon arrived at Kwun Yam Beach and Kwun Yam Temple. Our stop for break was at a pavilion near the Little Great Wall. We then turned off to an educational path where the hillside vegetations and creatures are sign-posted for our information. Here, members took some time to study and spotted features on different species of plants and butterflies. We then head on near Fa Peng and took Don Bosco Road. It was a very peaceful area with many religious houses for retreats. Via Peak Road, we descended towards the pier where we dismissed, with members either taking the ferry to Central or Mui Wo before 5:00.



Narrow Sword Bean
(Canavalia lineate)
(See the ants underneath?)



Jack Fruit



Drongo

Members enjoyed a lot this day with such beautiful weather. Trails taken on both islands were shady, peaceful, scenic and interesting; also with much to explore in natural history! All in all, a good route on a fine day enjoyed by most.

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