



KERATAN AKHBAR

SURAT KHABAR	:	STARMETRO			
TARIKH	:	20/5/2021	MUKA SURAT	:	4
JABATAN	:	PERHILITAN			
KLASIFIKASI	:	PERHATIAN			

Three fledglings fly away from nest at Taiping Lake Gardens

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THE pair of hoopoes (*Upupa epops*) nesting at the Taiping Lake Gardens have bred three young.

Taiping Municipal Council president Khairul Amir Mohamed said the fledglings left their nest between May 14 and 17.

He said the first fledgling flew out of its nest on May 14 at about 8.05am, followed by the second one on May 15 at 10.30am and the last one on May 17 at 11.20am.

"They made an appearance about a week ago.

"The young ones were seen popping their head out from the entrance of their nest, which was in a tree trunk," he said.

The pair of hoopoes were reported to have arrived at the lake gardens on April 5.

Hoopoes are migratory birds that fly to warmer climates during winter, between September and April.

According to wildlife experts, hoopoes are mostly found in the Afro-Eurasia region, including Europe, Africa and Asia and are divided into several sub-species, depending on their place of origin.

The one spotted at the lake gardens was from northern Asia, said the experts.

Khairul Amir said that for 30 days after the birds began nesting, the adult hoopoes were seen actively looking for food for the nestlings between 7am and 6pm.

"Each time they returned, the



One of the nestlings seen peeping out from the tree trunk at Taiping Lake Gardens.

hoopoes would bring back a variety of food, mostly insects.

"The frequency of the feeding started to lessen about a week ago," he noted.

He said with the young birds having left the nest, it concluded the first phase of the council's observation programme, which was held together with the Wildlife and National Parks Department (Perhilitan) and Nature Educational

Society (NEST), assisted by the Taiping Birding Community.

"We will continue with the second phase, which is to monitor the birds' activities out in the field for about two weeks.

"In the third phase, the gathering and updating of data will start.

"A team led by Taiping Zoo and Night Safari director Dr Kevin Lazarus and NEST will prepare a report," he said.