

Kubah Week to run from April 20

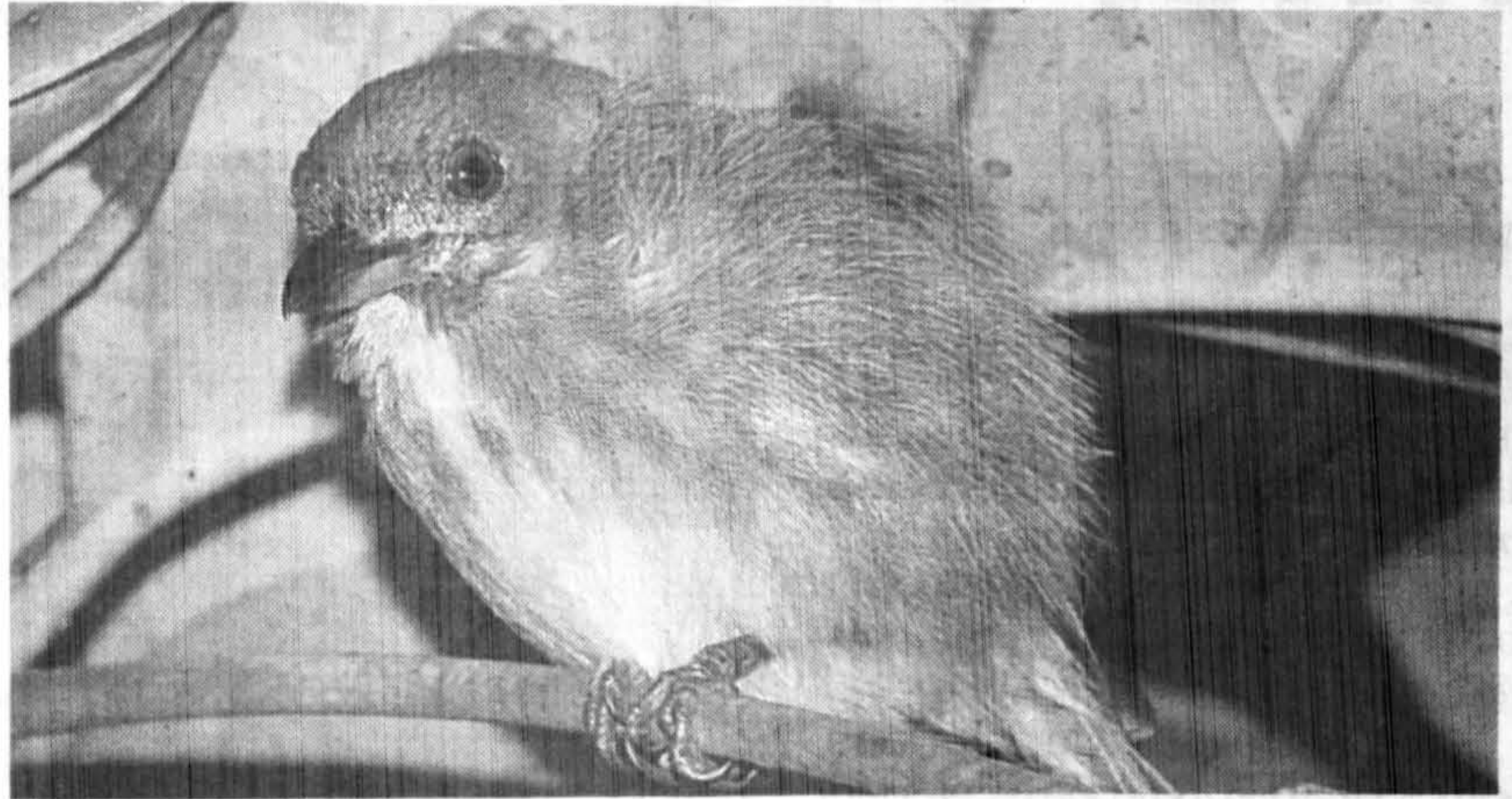
KUCHING: Sarawak Forestry is organising a week-long fun filled event in Kubah National Park, kicking off with the Junior Wildlife Ranger this Saturday.

The Junior Wildlife Ranger programme is for children aged 10 to 18.

One of the other events to be held during the Kubah Week on April 22 is a photography workshop from 9am to 5pm. The one-day workshop is specially designed for those interested in picking up elementary photography skills and techniques. Its syllabus is built to be camera-brand-independent to allow participants to use cameras of their choice to join.

The 'Flora of Kubah' and 'Fauna of Matang' programmes will be held on April 23 and 24. The programme is targeted at plant-lovers and wildlife enthusiasts who will get a chance to get some hands-on experience in plant and animal handling. 'Flora of Kubah' is a workshop that will expose participants to the rich palm species which has made Kubah famous.

Participants will also get a chance to learn orchid planting and handling techniques from Sarawak Forestry's experienced botanists. 'Fauna of Matang' on the other hand will give the chance for participants to experience first-



NATURE WATCH: A yellow-breasted flowerpecker, one of the denizens of Kubah that visitors might be lucky enough to glimpse.

hand on wildlife conservation, including orangutan conservation work.

'Vallombrosa Walk' is a one-day event which will take participants through the early history of Sarawak, where a renowned 19th century botanist Odoardo Beccari put up his field station on the slope of Gunung Matang.

The walk will start at Matang Red Bridge on April 25. To maintain the park's natural beauty, a park-wide clean-up will be organised on April 26 at both Kubah National Park and Matang Wildlife Centre.

The Bornean Frog Race organised by Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) will be held on April 27

starting from noon to midnight at Kubah National Park.

The frog race is held annually to raise public awareness on the need for conservation of the frogs and other amphibians of Sarawak. Participants will also be able to view the smallest frog in the world which has made Kubah National Park its home – the *Microhyla nepenthicola*.

Kubah Week is organised to commemorate the Sarawak State Golden Jubilee celebration. The activities will be held in Kubah National Park and Matang Wildlife Centre, which is situated on the southern end of the national park.