Black-spot barb at Woodlands pond

**Subject:** Black-spot barb, *Dawkinsia filamentosa* (Teleostei: Cyprinidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Woodlands Pond at Woodlands Town Park; 15 October 2012; 1100 hrs.

**Habitat:** Freshwater pond with murky water in parkland adjacent to high density housing estate.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** Two adults caught by cast net. The pond is located in a park next to the Woodlands housing estate.

**Remarks:** One of the specimens, a male of 77.9 mm standard length, was preserved and deposited at the Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research under catalogue number ZRC 53770 (see figure). This alien species was recorded in the wild state in Singapore for the first time by Kwik et al. (2013), but not illustrated. It is a popular aquarium fish native to Sri Lanka and southern India (Talwar & Jhingran, 1991 as *Puntius filamentosus*). The two fish are likely to be unwanted pets released at a convenient location. There is no evidence of a self-sustaining population having been established at the pond.

**References:***

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