

Striped tree skink at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Subject: Striped tree skink, *Lipinia vittigera* (Reptilia: Squamata: Scincidae).

Subject identified by: Marcus Chua.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve; 20 Nov 2013; 1635 hrs.

Habitat: Primary coastal hill dipterocarp forest.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: An example measuring approximately 8 cm in total length was observed on the trunk of a mature forest tree close to the summit of Bukit Timah. The skink was first seen about 2.5 m above the ground.

Remarks: This nationally endangered skink appears to be locally restricted to mature forests in the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Lim et al., 2008; Baker & Lim, 2012).

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