

Malayan giant frog at the Botanic Gardens

Subject: Malayan giant frog, *Limnonectes blythii* (Amphibia: Anura: Dicroglossidae).

Subject identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Singapore Botanic Gardens, Visitor Centre and Symphony Lake; 27 December 2013; 2030 & 2115 hrs.

Habitat: Parkland, by artificial freshwater lake.

Observer: Contributors.

Observation: An example of about 8 cm snout-vent length was found (but not photographed) at the base of a patch of vegetation at the edge of Symphony Lake at around 2030 hrs. A juvenile frog of about 3 cm snout-vent length was photographed at the Visitor Centre near a concrete water feature at 2115 hrs (attached picture).

Remarks: The Malayan giant frog is known to occur in the Botanic Gardens (Baker & Lim, 2012: 57), but this appears to be the first record from the locality with photographic documentation. The presence of a juvenile frog suggests a breeding population of this species at the gardens.

Reference: Baker, N. & K. K. P. Lim, 2012. *Wild Animals of Singapore. A Photographic Guide to Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Freshwater Fishes*. Updated edition. Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte. Ltd. and Nature Society (Singapore). 180 pp.



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