Subject: Orange tiger moth, *Asota egens* (Insecta: Lepidoptera: Arctiidae).

**Subject identified by**: Leong Tzi Ming.

**Location, date and time**: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Nee Soon swamp-forest; 20 March 2005.

**Habitat**: Clearing in mature secondary forest, caterpillar found on leaves of *Ficus cf. benjamina*, at around 1.5 m off the ground.

**Observers**: Contributors.

**Observation**: A last instar caterpillar of about 4 cm (Fig. 1) was collected on 20 March 2005 and reared in captivity on the leaves of the *Ficus cf. benjamina* it was found on. The caterpillar pupated under the soil on 23 March 2005, and emerged as a tiger moth (Fig. 2) on 10 April 2005.

**Remarks**: *Asota egens* is distributed from Japan southwards to northern India and Southeast Asia, and eastwards to New Guinea (Holloway, 1976: 5). The larva is known to feed on *Ficus* species (Robinson et al., 2014). The example featured here had spent about 19 days in the pupa stage.

**References**:

Fig. 1. Photograph by Kelvin K. P. Lim

Fig. 2. Photograph by Leong Tzi Ming

Fig. 1. Lateral view of last instar caterpillar on 20 March 2005 feeding on foliage of *Ficus cf. benjamina*.
Fig. 2. Dorsal view of adult moth on 11 April 2005, a day after emergence.

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