

Oriental scops owl on Pulau Ubin

Subject: Oriental scops owl, *Otus sunia* (Aves: Strigiformes: Strigidae).

Subject identified by: Marcus A. H. Chua.

Location, date and time: Pulau Ubin, western forest fragment; 18 January 2014; 2000 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest edge, by reservoir.

Observers: Contributors and others.

Observation: An example was seen perched about 2.5 m above the ground amongst branches of secondary vegetation. The subject was relatively still and it did not vocalize.

Remarks: The Oriental scops owl is considered a rare winter visitor and passage migrant in Singapore (Wang & Hails, 2007). Apparently, the first published record of the species on Pulau Ubin was in 2012 (Yeo, 2012).

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