

## Frilly gecko at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

**Subject:** Frilly gecko, *Hemidactylus craspedotus* (Reptilia: Squamata: Gekkonidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve; 30 Jun 2012; 2130 hrs.

**Habitat:** Primary coastal hill dipterocarp forest.

**Observers:** Contributor and Ron K. H. Yeo.

**Observation:** An example measuring approximately 12 cm in total length was recorded on the trunk of a large tree along a trail.

**Remarks:** The frilly gecko was first recorded from Singapore in 1991 (Lim, 1991 as *Cosymbotes craspedotus*), and appears to be locally restricted to mature forests in Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Baker & Lim, 2012: 78). The species is regarded as critically endangered within Singapore (Lim *et al.*, 2008: 172 as *Cosymbotes craspedotus*).

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