

## A jade-green cicada at suburban Upper Bukit Timah

**Subject:** Jade-green cicada, *Dundubia vaginata* (Insecta: Homoptera: Cicadidae).

**Subject identified by:** Ivan Kwan.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Upper Bukit Timah, Jalan Seh Chuan; 9 March 2014; 1030 hrs.

**Habitat:** Footpath in suburban housing estate.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A male (identified by the operculum on the side of the abdomen) example of about 4 cm body length was found on the footpath in hot and hazy weather. It was alive and responded to being nudged, but was not moving otherwise.

**Remarks:** In Singapore, this species appears to be largely confined to the forests of the Central Nature Reserves. This cicada has a transient adult life of up to two months. Its appearance seems to be seasonal with adults having been observed in Singapore from March to May (Leong et al., 2011). The suburban setting of the present observation, although not the cicada's natural habitat, is less than 1 km away from the rainforest of the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve. The example was probably attracted out of the forest at night by artificial lights.

**Reference:** Leong T. M., S. Mishak, Aminurashid & T. D. Harvey-Samuel, 2011. The jade-green cicada, *Dundubia vaginata* (Fabricius, 1787) in Singapore, with notes on emergence, bioacoustics, and mating (Homoptera: Cicadidae: Cicadinae). *Nature in Singapore*. 4: 193-202.



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