Banded Malaysian coral snake at Kent Ridge


Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kent Ridge, campus of the National University of Singapore, Science Drive 2, garden behind building S6; 21 September 2005; morning.

Habitat: Garden at the side of a concrete building, bordered by belukar vegetation on a hill slope.

Observers: Contributor and others.

Observation: An example of about 25 cm total length was found on the sheltered concrete footpath at the edge of a garden.

Remarks: This record shows that the banded Malaysian coral snake is present in urban areas. It is seldom seen probably due to its semi-fossorial habits. When molested, this venomous reptile will flatten its body and raise its tail to reveal the black-and-red banded underside as a warning display (Baker & Lim, 2012: 116).