

Freshwater crab *Parathelphusa maculata* at Holland Woods

Subject: *Parathelphusa maculata* (Crustacea: Brachyura: Parathelphusidae).

Subject identified by: Mary-Ruth Low.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Holland Woods; 6 April 2014; 2155 hrs.

Habitat: Swampy pools with silty sand substrates along abandoned railway track flanked by secondary forest and scrub.

Observers: Contributors, with Manuel Mejia and Ryan McCleary.

Observation: One example of about 4 cm carapace width (shown in attached photograph) was observed submerged in the water.

Remarks: *Parathelphusa maculata* is probably the most common and widespread of the freshwater crabs on Singapore Island. It is usually found in shallow forest and rural streams with clay banks and leaf litter (Ng, 1990: 192).

Reference: Ng, P. K. L., 1990. Freshwater crabs and prawns of Singapore. In: Chou L. M. & P. K. L. Ng (eds.), *Essays in Zoology*. Papers Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Department of Zoology, National University of Singapore. pp. 189-204.



Photograph by Mary-Ruth Low

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