

## Lesser whistling duck family at West Coast Park marsh pond

**Subjects:** Lesser whistling duck, *Dendrocygna javanica* (Aves: Anseriformes: Anatidae).

**Subjects identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, West Coast Park; 13 June 2007, 1745-1800 hrs.

**Habitat:** Semi-natural brackish water marsh pond with mud and clay banks in urban coastal parkland.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A family of lesser whistling ducks comprising an adult pair and eleven ducklings was observed near the edge of the marsh pond. The group huddled near the observatory boardwalk where the accompanying photograph was taken, before swimming off in a single file to the opposite bank.

**Remarks:** The lesser whistling duck inhabits freshwater wetlands and is regarded as an endangered species in Singapore (Lim et al., 2008: 178). Tan (2014) documented another family of this species at the Pandan Canal.

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Lesser whistling ducks with 11 ducklings at the West Coast Park marsh pond. Photograph by Tan Heok Hui

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