

Marbled gudgeon at Holland Woods

Subject: Marbled gudgeon, *Oxyeleotris marmorata* (Teleostei: Eleotridae).

Subject identified by: Contributor & Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Holland Woods between Clementi Road and former railway track; 6 April 2014; 2026 hrs.

Habitat: Freshwater. Shallow stream with muddy substrates flowing through open scrubland and secondary forest.

Observers: Contributor with Holly Siow, John Wei, Manuel Mejia & Ryan McCleary.

Observation: An example of about 15 cm total length was found at the bottom of the stream. The accompanying picture shows the dorsal view of the fish.

Remarks: The marbled gudgeon is a large and esteemed food fish that is found in many bodies of freshwater in Singapore. Absence of records before the 1930s suggests that the species may have been introduced there (Larson et al., 2008: 138). The present sighting seems to be the first record of the marbled gudgeon in the Holland Woods area.

Reference: Larson, H. K., Z. Jaafar & K. K. P. Lim, 2008. An annotated checklist of the gobioid fishes of Singapore. *The Raffles Bulletin of Zoology*. 56 (1): 135-155.



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