

## Peninsular rock gecko at Venus Drive

**Subject:** Peninsular rock gecko, *Cnemaspis peninsularis* (Reptilia: Sauria: Gekkonidae).

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

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Venus Drive, adjacent to the eastern edge of MacRitchie forest; 23 September 2014; around 1600 hrs.

**Habitat:** Secondary forest.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A example of about 11 cm total length was found on a tree trunk at about 60 cm off the ground (see accompanying picture).

**Remarks:** The Kendall's rock gecko, *Cnemaspis kendallii*, is now regarded as being restricted to western Borneo. Populations in Singapore and Peninsular Malaysia have been reclassified as *Cnemaspis peninsularis*, the peninsular rock gecko (Grismer et al., 2014: 118).

On Singapore Island, this species appears to be restricted to the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves. It was recently reported at Thomson Ridge, and also mentioned as being found around the Venus Drive area (Groenewoud, 2014, as *Cnemaspis kendallii*). This entry confirms the presence of *Cnemaspis peninsularis* at the latter locality.

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