

## Slender peacock bass at Lower Peirce Reservoir

**Subject:** Slender peacock bass, *Cichla temensis* (Teleostei: Cichlidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Lower Peirce Reservoir; 25 October 2014; 1648 hrs.

**Habitat:** Freshwater. Man-made lake with clay substrate covered with fallen leaves, silt, algae and some aquatic plants.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** One individual of about 20 cm total length was observed swimming in midwater near the shore in water of about 40 cm depth. The accompanying photograph shows the dorso-lateral view of the fish.

**Remarks:** The slender peacock bass or 'speckled pavon' can be distinguished from the Orinoco peacock bass (*Cichla orinocensis*) in being more slender in shape and has longitudinal rows of whitish spots and dashes on its body. This native of tropical South America was first recorded in Singapore at Upper Seletar Reservoir in 2012 (Liew et al., 2012: 231). This seems to be the first record from Lower Peirce Reservoir.

**Reference:** Liew J. H., H. H. Tan & D. C. J. Yeo, 2012. Some cichlid fishes recorded in Singapore. *Nature in Singapore*. 5: 229-236.



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