Singapore rat carcass at Old Upper Thomson Road


Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Old Upper Thomson Road; 8 June 2013; 1258 hrs.

Habitat: Two-lane metalled road through secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: A crushed carcass of about 27 cm (head-and-body length) was found in the middle of the road. See accompanying photograph with a Singapore ten-dollar note for scale.

Remarks: The Singapore rat is distinguished from other rats in Singapore by its sharply demarcated white underside, brownish throat and uniformly coloured tail. It inhabits secondary forest and scrubland (Baker & Lim, 2012: 140). The example featured here was most likely killed and flattened by the tyres of a motor vehicle while it attempted to cross the road from one forest patch to another.