Leopard cat in Central Catchment Nature Reserve


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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Nee Soon swamp-forest; 1 April 2011; 2130 hrs.

Habitat: Mature secondary forest.


Observation: An adult male leopard cat was seen on a tree stump among a pile of branches about 1 m above ground (see accompanying photograph).

Remarks: This is the first confirmed record of a live leopard cat on the main island of Singapore since 1968 (Anon., 1988). All previous records of this species on the main island were of road kills. The leopard cat is also known to be present on Pulau Tekong, Pulau Ubin and Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Baker & Lim, 2012).

References:

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