

Five-banded flying dragon at Mandai

Subject: Five-banded flying dragon, *Draco quinquefasciatus* (Reptilia: Sauria: Agamidae).

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

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, bicycle track adjacent to Mandai Track 15; 24 February 2015; 1008 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An individual of about 20 cm total length was observed on the trunk of a tree at around 1.8 m off the ground. A dorso-lateral view of the animal with head pointing upwards is illustrated in the accompanying picture.

Remarks: In Singapore, the five-banded flying dragon inhabits the forests of the Central Catchment and Bukit Timah Nature Reserves (Baker & Lim, 2012: 76), and is regarded as a locally endangered species (Lim et al., 2008: 169).

The present observation seems to be the first record of *Draco quinquefasciatus* from the north-western corner of the Central Catchment Nature Reserve.

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