

A juvenile large-footed *Myotis* bat at Punggol

Subject: Large-footed myotis, *Myotis* sp. (Mammalia: Chiroptera: Vespertilionidae).

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Pulau Punggol; 19 October 2014; 1105 hrs.

Habitat: Concrete bridge in scrubland and next to large body of freshwater that is the Punggol Reservoir.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An example of about 5 cm total length (from snout to tail tip) was observed crawling on the ground (see attached photograph) under the bridge during rain. No bat roost was seen under the bridge above the bat.

Remarks: The featured bat appears to be a pup that was separated from its mother. It was unable to fly. Although its identity cannot be confirmed, the relatively large size of the feet strongly suggests that it is a member of the genus *Myotis* (subgenus *Leuconoe*). It may be *Myotis horsfieldii*, a species recently recorded from Singapore (Lim & Leong, 2014).

Reference: Lim, K. K. P. & T. M. Leong, 2014. New record of the Horsfield's large-footed myotis in Singapore. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2014: 106-107.



Photograph by Tan Siong Kiat

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