

Green-spotted goby at West Coast marsh pond

Subject: Green-spotted goby, *Acentrogobius janthinopterus* (Teleostei: Gobiidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, West Coast Park marsh pond; 26 November 2014, 0930 hrs.

Habitat: Brackish water pond with mud and clay bottom, in suburban parkland.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An example of about 8 cm total length was spotted on the substrate in a shallow part of the pond. The attached picture shows the dorsal view of the fish in-situ with its head facing left.

Remarks: *Acentrogobius janthinopterus* is typically found in mangrove and other coastal habitats with muddy substrates (Larson & Lim, 2005). Although common in Singapore and known from many estuarine localities around the island, as well as from Pulau Ubin (Larson et al., 2008), this seems to be the first record from the West Coast Park marsh pond.

References:

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