

New Guinea flatworm, *Platydemus manokwari*, at Bishan Park

Subjects: New Guinea flatworm, *Platydemus manokwari* (Platyhelminthes: Geoplanidae).

Subjects identified by: Tan Heok Hui.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bishan Park; 7 August 2015; 1605 hrs.

Habitat: Urban parkland. On grass at the edge of an artificial stream flooded by recent heavy rains.

Observers: Contributors.



Fig. 1. Flooded grass bank with millipedes and four flatworms. Photograph by Tan Heok Hui

Observations: Four individuals between 6 and 8 cm were sighted with a few unidentified millipedes on blades of grass above or in water. They appeared to be struggling to get out of the water (Figs. 1 & 2). These terrestrial animals were most likely forced onto the grass by the sudden rise in water level.

Remarks: This non-native species appears to be widespread in Singapore (Lim, 2015). The present observation seems to be a new record of *Platydemus manokwari* for Bishan Park.

Reference: Lim, K. K. P., 2015. New Guinea flatworm *Platydemus manokwari* in Singapore. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2015: 106-107.



Fig. 2. Close-up view of a flatworm. Photograph by Koh Li Ling

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