

Haas's bronzeback at Venus Loop

Subject: Haas's bronzeback, *Dendrelaphis haasi* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Colubridae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Thomson, Venus Loop; 3 April 2016; 1015 hrs.

Habitat: Young secondary forest.

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Observation: One example of approximately 1 m total length (see accompanying pictures showing lateral views of the head and body) was seen slithering in the undergrowth, comprising largely of giant Mahang leaves, near a forest stream. Upon the observers' approach, the snake moved quickly away and climbed a nearby tree that was covered in climbers. It climbed upwards, slithered among the leaves of the climbers, and soon disappeared from the observers' sight.

Remarks: This is the second documented sighting of the locally uncommon Haas's bronzeback at Venus Loop. It was previously reported by Tan (2014) who saw an example there in September 2014.

Reference: Tan, C., 2014. Haas's bronzeback at Venus Loop. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2014: 263.



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