

Blue Bronzeback at Venus Loop

Subject: Blue bronzeback, *Dendrelaphis cyanochloris* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Colubridae).

Subject identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Thomson, Venus Loop; 30 July 2016; 1155 hrs.

Habitat: Young secondary forest.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: A young individual of about 80 cm total length (see accompanying picture showing the lateral view of its head and anterior body) was spotted on the trail basking in a sunspot.

Remarks: This appears to be the first documented sighting of the locally uncommon blue bronzeback at Venus Loop. Despite the rather degraded forest in this area, it acts as a buffer zone to the MacRitchie forest. It is interesting to note that many forest specific animals have been recorded in this area, including the blue bronzeback's congeneric relative, the Haas's bronzeback (*Dendrelaphis haasi*), which has been seen there on at least two occasions (see Sankar & Ng, 2016).

Reference: Sankar A. & M. F. C. Ng, 2016. Haas's bronzeback at Venus Loop. *Singapore Biodiversity Records*. 2016: 104.



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