Heavy jumping spider at Kent Ridge


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Location, date and time: Singapore Island: Kent Ridge campus, overhead bridge linking Kent Ridge Crescent to University Town; 19 February 2017; at around 1645 hrs.

Habitat: Urban. Concrete bridge with ornamental vegetation grown on the sides.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One example of about 15 mm body length was found resting on the metal railing on the bridge. The accompanying photograph shows the dorso-frontal view of the spider in-situ.

Remarks: Widely distributed in Southeast Asia, this relatively large jumping spider is usually found on foliage near mangrove swamps and occasionally on waste-land (Koh, 1989: 108; Ng & Sivasothi, 1999: 95). It has been photographed in the Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve (Chua, 2010: 93) and at Semakau Landfill (Ng, 2012: 65). This record is in an urban setting, and on a man-made structure.

References:

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