

Brown tree skink at Windsor Nature Park

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Subject: Brown tree skink, *Dasia grisea* (Reptilia: Squamata: Scincidae).

Subject identified by: Author.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Thomson, Windsor Nature Park, Venus Loop; 17 October 2017; 1217 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary rainforest.

Observer: Author.

Observation: An adult of about 30 cm total length was spotted in the forest on a large tree about 3-4 m from a stream. It was about 2.5 to 3 m from the ground clinging to the tree trunk with its body oriented parallel to the ground (see accompanying picture).



Photograph by Marcus F. C. Ng

Remarks: This is the latest recorded sighting of a brown tree skink, regarded as an 'endangered' species in Singapore (Lim, 2008: 265), in the forest off Venus Drive. It was observed in the area in 2011 (Groenewoud, 2014).

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