

White-spotted slug snake at Portsdown Road

Subject: White-spotted slug snake, *Pareas margaritophorus* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Pareatidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Portsdown Road; 16 June 2017; morning.

Habitat: Suburban housing estate. Parkland with low concrete apartment buildings. On grass patch by the road next to a residential garden.

Observers: Contributor, with Carmen Choong.

Observation: A live adult example of about 30 cm total length was observed resting on the ground next to a small road in the residential estate. The accompanying photograph of the snake shows a dorsal view of the head and anterior body, lateral view of the mid-section, and latero-ventral view of the posterior section and tail.

Remarks: The present observation appears to be the first record of this apparently introduced species in the southern part of Singapore Island. It was previously found in Mandai, Khatib Bongsu, Lim Chu Kang, Sungei Buloh (Baker & Lim, 2012: 112) and Punggol (Tan & Lim, 2013).

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