African snail, *Limicolaria flammea*, at Mandai Road

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Mandai Road, garden of Mandai Columbarium; 23 December 2018, around 1000 hrs.

Habitat: Urban parkland.

Observer: Tan Heok Hui.

Observation: A few live *Limicolaria flammea* were found attached to fronds of birds’ nest ferns (Fig. 1). Many empty shells were seen at the base of shrubs along a manicured lawn (Fig. 2). The shells range from 23.6 to 43.5 mm (shell height). Some giant African snails (*Lissachatina fulica*) were also found among them.

Remarks: This observation indicates that there is a breeding population of the locally established *Limicolaria flammea* at the grounds of Mandai Columbarium. This alien species has been documented in Singapore since 2006 (Tan & Clements, 2011; Tan & Low, 2011). It was recently recorded from Upper Seletar Reservoir Park (Tan & Tan, 2014), the nearest known locality to the present site. In December 2018, we have also found empty shells at the eastern part of Singapore Island along Changi Coast Road.

References:


Fig. 1. A live individual on a birds’ nest fern frond.

Fig. 2. Several empty shells on the lawn.

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