

Mourning gecko licking flower buds of *Leea indica*

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Subjects: Mourning gecko, *Lepidodactylus lugubris* (Reptilia: Squamata: Gekkonidae);
Leea indica (Magnoliophyta: Vitales: Vitaceae).

Subjects identified by: Ivan Kwan.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Pasir Panjang, Hort Park at Hyderabad Road, behind Visitor Services Centre; 9 December 2019; 1506 hrs.

Habitat: Urban parkland. Small patch of ornamental plants lining the walk-way behind the Visitor Services Center with a self-sown *Leea indica* which has since been removed by the park staff.

Observer: Mohamad Azlin Sani.

Observation: A mourning gecko of approximately 10 cm total length was seen licking the flower buds of *Leea indica* (see accompanying picture at the right). When the gecko noticed the observer, it crawled amongst the leaves of the same plant and stayed there apparently for the rest of the day.

Remarks: Although largely insectivorous, many species of geckos are known to consume nectar from flowers. A similar observation was made of a mourning gecko feeding among flowers of the golden penda tree at Clementi (Chan, 2013: 108, fig. 2).

Reference: Chan KW (2013) Cave fruit bat and mourning gecko on golden penda tree. Singapore Biodiversity Records, 2013: 108-109.



Mourning gecko licking flower buds of *Leea indica*. Screen grab from video recorded by Mohamad Azlin Sani