

Biodiversity Record: Gimlett's reed snake at Upper Seletar

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Subject: Gimlett's reed snake, *Calamaria lowii gimletti* (Reptilia: Squamata: Calamariidae).

Subject identified by: Law Ing Sind.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Seletar; 8 May 2021; 2100 hrs.

Habitat: Parkland at the edge of secondary forest.

Observers: Tan Robbin and Wilson Lee Wee Sing.

Observation: One example of about 16 cm in total length was found on the road (Fig. 1). After about 10 minutes of observation, it moved onto the side of the road and into the leaf litter.

Remarks: This is the fifth locality in Singapore where this cryptic species of snake has been recorded. The locations are Pulau Pawai (Leong, 2004, as *Calamaria lowii gimletti*), Rifle Range Link (Serin et al., 2017, as *Calamaria gimletti*), Old Upper Thomson Road (Law & Kanaïke, 2018, as *Calamaria gimletti*) and the Hindhede Drive entrance of the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (Choo, 2019, as *Calamaria gimletti*). Apart from Pulau Pawai, the other localities and the one featured here are within or at the edges of the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves.

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Fig. 1. Dorso-lateral view of the Gimlett's reed snake at Upper Seletar. (Photograph by: Tan Robbin).