

Biodiversity Record: A brown anole at Choa Chu Kang

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Subject: Brown anole, *Anolis sagrei* (Reptilia: Squamata: Dactyloidae).

Subject identified by: Norman T-L. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Choa Chu Kang housing estate, Keat Hong Close; 30 April 2022, around 1850 hrs.

Habitat: Urban. In residential estate among highrise concrete buildings.

Observer: Norman T-L. Lim.

Observation: One example of about 10 cm total length, apparently with a regenerated tail, was noted on the ground, beside a bush, at the edge of a pedestrian walkway adjacent to a residential building (Fig. 1).



Fig 1. Brown anole at the edge of a walkway. (Photograph by: Norman T-L. Lim)

Remarks: An introduced species in Singapore that was first noted at Marina Bay in 2012 (Tan & Lim, 2012 as *Norops sagrei*), the brown anole has since been recorded in plant nurseries, parkland and housing estates at Bishan, Botanic Gardens, Thomson Road, Kovan, Jurong Lake Gardens, and most recently at Yishun and Toa Payoh Central (Tay & Lim, 2021). The present record appears to be the first from the mid-western part of Singapore Island.

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