

Biodiversity Record: A greenhouse frog at Fort Canning

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Subject: Greenhouse frog, *Eleutherodactylus planirostris* (Amphibia: Anura: Eleutherodactylidae).

Subject identified by: Ling Ong.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Fort Canning Park; 14 April 2022, around 0830 hrs.

Habitat: Urban parkland.

Observers: Ling Ong and Vincent Lim.

Observation: One example, not more than 1 cm in snout-vent length (Fig. 1), was observed on the concrete stairs next to the old fire station master's house.



Fig 1. Dorsal (left) and dorso-frontal (right) views of the greenhouse frog in-situ. (Photographs by: Ling Ong)

Remarks: An introduced species in Singapore, this tiny frog was first recorded at a suburban estate in Sembawang in December 2015 (Groenewoud & Law, 2016), the greenhouse frog has since been recorded at Clementi Woods Park (Tay et al., 2017), Dairy Farm Nature Park (Yeo et al., 2018), Pang Sua Woodland (Guttensohn & Leong, 2021: 137), and along Orchard Road (Lay, 2021). It is expected to occur in between the listed localities and is very likely to be more widespread on Singapore Island.

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