

## Biodiversity Record: Golden gliding snake at MacPherson

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**Subject:** Golden gliding snake, *Chrysopelea ornata* (Reptilia: Squamata: Colubridae).

**Subject identified by:** Emmanuel Goh.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, MacPherson estate between Jalan Belangkas & Jalan Chengkek; 16 April 2022, around 1035 hrs.

**Habitat:** Urban. In the compound of a concrete residential building.

**Observer:** Michelle Loh.

**Observation:** An example of about 110 cm was spotted and photographed on the fence of a residential compound (Fig. 1). As the observer was in a hurry, no further observations on the snake's movement or behaviour were made.



Fig. 1. Golden gliding snake on the fence. (Photograph by: Michelle Loh)

**Remarks:** This record represents a new location in the eastern part of Singapore Island where the non-native *Chrysopelea ornata* has been observed. The species was previously recorded in the southern and northern parts of the island (Thomas & Boopal, 2014; Maury & Low, 2015; Ng, 2017; Chua, 2021; Goh & Pek, 2022). This encounter adds further evidence that this species has spread island-wide, albeit in urban areas thus far.

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