

Biodiversity Record: Banded wolf snake at Upper Seletar

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Subject: Banded wolf snake, *Lycodon subcinctus* (Reptilia: Squamata: Colubridae).

Subject identified by: Ilan Chanani-Parikh.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Seletar; 18 February 2022, 2105 hrs.

Habitat: Edge of secondary forest, on the side of a road.

Observers: Tan Robbin, Ethan Lai and Ilan Chanani-Parikh.

Observation: One example of about 42 cm total length was found on the ground (Fig. 1).

Remarks: The banded wolf snake is rare on Singapore Island where recent examples are known only from the Central Catchment Nature Reserve. In the past decade, individuals have been observed at the Nee Soon swamp forest in October 2011 (Ng et al., 2013), the Chestnut forest in July 2014 (Low & Wei, 2014), and the Upper Seletar Reservoir Park in October 2017 (Tay, 2017). The present record is the second example from the last location.

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Fig. 1. Dorso-lateral view of the subject. (Photograph by: Ethan Lai)