

Biodiversity Record: Shrew-faced squirrel along Old Upper Thomson Road

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Subject: Shrew-faced squirrel, *Rhinosciurus laticaudatus* (Mammalia: Rodentia: Sciuridae).

Subject identified by: Elliott James Ong & K. Yoganand.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Old Upper Thomson Road Park Connector; 14 November 2022; 0826 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary rainforest.

Observers: Elliott James Ong & K. Yoganand.

Observation: One example was spotted at about 10 m inside the forest from the Central Catchment Nature Reserve side of the park connector. It was moving on the forest floor next to another squirrel which could not be seen clearly to be identified. It then perched on a fallen log where it stayed still for around two to three minutes (Fig. 1).



Fig. 1. The subject perching on a fallen log. Note its relatively long snout. (Photograph by: K. Yoganand).

Remarks: The shrew-faced ground squirrel is rare and considered to be ‘critically endangered’ in Singapore (Lim et al., 2008). In the past decade, sightings have been reported from the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve (Tan, 2015) and the Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Lim & Yeo, 2012).

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