

Biodiversity Record: Occurrence of the fungus weevil, *Rawasia porcina*, in Singapore

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Subject: Fungus weevil, *Rawasia porcina* (Insecta: Coleoptera: Anthribidae).

Subject identified by: Boris Büche.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Seletar Reservoir Park; 16 Mar 2024; around 2220 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest, adjacent to freshwater swamp forest.

Observers: Ivan Neo and Su Yan Le.

Observation: A male example of about 15 mm body length (Figs. 1–3) was found resting on a leaf of a low understory vegetation next to a road. It seemed unresponsive to the presence of the observers.



Fig. 1. Dorsal view of male *Rawasia porcina* resting on a leaf (Photograph by: Ivan Neo).



Fig. 2. Dorso-lateral view of the subject (Photograph by: Su Yan Le).



Fig. 3. Oblique dorso-lateral view of subject (Photograph by: Su Yan Le).

Remarks: On the website ‘The Biodiversity of Singapore’, the page containing Anthribidae recorded from Singapore (singapore.biodiversity.online/taxon/A-Arth-Hexa-Coleo-Anthri accessed on 9 May 2024) has illustrations of 100 specimens among which 76 species were identified. However, none in there were identified as *Rawasia*. Despite the rather high diversity of Anthribidae known to occur in Singapore, these insects generally appear to be poorly known (Chua, 2011). This observation could represent the first record of the fungus weevil *Rawasia porcina* in Singapore.

Note: This record has been published on iNaturalist (see <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/202675050> and <https://www.inaturalist.org/observations/202776930>).

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