

## **Brown spiny rat at Upper Seletar**

**Subject:** Brown spiny rat, *Maxomys rajah* (Mammalia: Rodentia: Muridae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Upper Seletar Reservoir Park, adjacent forest; 7 October 2013; 2027 hrs.

**Habitat:** Secondary forest.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A single adult male was observed amongst the leaf litter. He appeared to be picking up small items of food for consumption, though it is unclear what such items were.

**Remarks:** The contributor has seen this species in the immediate area before. The brown spiny rat is regarded as an endangered species in Singapore (Lim et al., 2008).

**Reference:** Lim, K. K. P., Subaraj, R., Yeo S. H., Lim, N., Lane, D. & B. Y. H. Lee, 2008. Mammals. In: Davison, G. W. H., P. K. L. Ng & H. C. Ho (Eds.). *The Singapore Red Data Book. Threatened Plants & Animals of Singapore*. Second Edition. The Nature Society (Singapore). pp. 190-207.



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