

***Smythea lanceata* at Kranji**

Subject: *Smythea lanceata* (Magnolioophyta: Rhamnaceae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kranji Nature Trail, back mangrove; 19 August 2011; 1005 hrs.

Habitat: Back mangrove.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An example of this rare mangrove climber was seen on the landward side of the mangrove forest along Kranji Nature Trail.

Remarks: *Smythea lanceata* is a critically endangered climber in Singapore (Chong et al., 2009). This species has become locally rare as most of Singapore's back mangrove habitats have been destroyed for land development.

Reference: Chong, K. Y., H. T. W. Tan & R. T. Corlett, 2009. *A Checklist of the Total Vascular Plant Flora of Singapore: Native, Naturalised and Cultivated Species*. Raffles Museum of Biodiversity Research, National University of Singapore. 273 pp.



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