

Land snail *Quantula striata* feeding on carcass of conspecific

Subjects: *Quantula striata* (Mollusca: Gastropoda: Dyakiidae).

Subjects identified by: Tan Siong Kiat.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, along western edge of Choa Chu Kang cemeteries; 13 November 2012; 2101 hrs.

Habitat: Scrubland.

Observer: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Observation: One adult *Quantula striata* of about 2.5 cm shell width, was observed feeding on the freshly crushed remains of a conspecific.

Remarks: The omnivorous *Quantula striata* has been reported to feed on decaying giant African snails (*Achatina fulica*) and has even been suggested to prefer decaying flesh over plant matter (Counsilman & Ong, 1988; Brodie & Barker, 2012). Nevertheless, this observation of a *Quantula striata* feeding on a freshly crushed conspecific is interesting, and to the best of our knowledge, the first published photographic record.

References:

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