

Lowland dwarf gecko at Bidadari

Subject: Lowland dwarf gecko, *Hemiphyllodactylus typus* (Reptilia: Sauria: Gekkonidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bidadari Park; 14 October 2013; 2116 hrs.

Habitat: Parkland, forest fragment.

Observers: Contributor and Chung Yi Fei.

Observation: One example of this gecko of about 8 cm total length was seen clinging head down to the top side of a *Clidemia hirta* leaf which hung about 30 cm off the ground (Fig. 1). This specimen is sexually mature as determined by the presence of calcium glands on both sides of the neck (Fig. 2). It was located visually with the aid of an LED headlamp.

Remarks: This appears to be the first record of the lowland dwarf gecko at Bidadari. It is otherwise known from the Central Nature Reserves, the Western Catchment Area and Mandai Mangroves. (Baker & Lim, 2012). This is a parthenogenetic all-female species that produces eggs, two at a time, without mating. (Das, 2004).

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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2

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