

Striped sun skink at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve

Subject: Striped sun skink, *Eutropis rugiferus* (Reptilia: Sauria: Scincidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Dairy Farm Loop; 26 January 2014; 1008 hrs.

Habitat: Primary rainforest.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: An example of about 15 cm total length was observed basking on the forest floor.

Remarks: The striped sun skink inhabits mature forest in the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and the Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Baker & Lim, 2012: 86). It is uncommonly seen, and is regarded as a 'critically endangered' species in Singapore (Lim et al., 2008: 168).

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