

## Dwarf reed snake at MacRitchie forest

**Subject:** Dwarf reed snake, *Pseudorabdion longiceps* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Colubridae).

**Subject identified by:** Holly M. P. Siow.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, MacRitchie forest, Golf Link Trail near the start of the boardwalk towards Jelutong Tower, 20 February 2014; 1015 hrs.

**Habitat:** Secondary forest.

**Observers:** Contributors.

**Observation:** An example of about 10 cm total length was observed in the middle of the trail. When disturbed, it appeared to 'somersault' twice while moving into the leaf litter bordering the trail.

**Remarks:** This non-venomous and nocturnal snake inhabits the forest floor where it forages for insects. In Singapore, it is known mainly from the Central Nature Reserves and Pulau Tekong (Baker & Lim, 2012: 106).

**Reference:** Baker, N. & K. K. P. Lim, 2012. *Wild Animals of Singapore. A Photographic Guide to Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Freshwater Fishes*. Updated edition. Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte. Ltd. and Nature Society (Singapore). 180 pp.



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