

Masked rough-sided frog at Holland Woods

Subject: Masked rough-sided frog, *Hylarana laterimaculata* (Amphibia: Anura: Ranidae).

Subject identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Holland Woods; 6 April 2014; 2120 hrs.

Habitat: Swampy area along abandoned railway track flanked by secondary forest and scrub.

Observers: Contributors, with Manuel Mejia and Ryan McCleary.

Observation: One example of about 4 cm snout-vent length (shown in attached photograph) was observed among leaf litter in a swampy area along the railway track. Its call was also heard. The start of the song resembled the meows of a cat. It then broke into a series of 'yip-yip-yip' that is characteristic of this species.

Remarks: The present record is significant because it seems to be the first time the masked rough-sided frog is known to occur outside the forests and swamps of the Central Nature Reserves on Singapore Island (Baker & Lim, 2012: 62). Holland Woods is isolated from the Central Nature Reserves, and the biodiversity of the area is not well-known.

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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