

Siberian thrush at Kent Ridge campus

Subject: Siberian thrush, *Geokichla sibirica* (Aves: Passeriformes: Turdidae).

Subject identified by: Marcus A. H. Chua.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kent Ridge campus, building S4 off Science Drive 4; 11 November 2013; 0936 hrs.

Habitat: Fourth floor verandah of a concrete, high-rise building beside young secondary forest.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: A female, about 20 cm in head and body length, was discovered freshly dead on a verandah.

Remarks: The bird was presumably killed after having flown into a glass window panel along the verandah. The fresh carcass was collected and deposited in the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum at the National University of Singapore.

The Siberian thrush breeds in Siberia, northeast China, Korea and Japan, and winters in Southeast Asia. It is considered an uncommon migrant in Singapore, showing up mainly in November and early December enroute to Sumatra. This species seems to be dependent on forest cover in its wintering grounds (Yong et al., 2013: 137).

Reference: Yong D. L., K. C. Lim & T. K. Lee, 2013. *A Naturalist's Guide to the Birds of Singapore*. John Beaufoy Publishing Limited, Oxford, United Kingdom. 176 pp.



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