

## Pearl danio at Mandai

**Subjects:** Pearl danio, *Brachydanio albolineata* (Teleostei: Cyprinidae).

**Subjects identified by:** Contributors.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, area south of Mandai Road and west of Mandai Lake Road; 7 July 2014; morning.

**Habitat:** Freshwater. Small shallow stream with grassy banks, sand-clay substrate, and murky water flowing through secondary forest and scrub vegetation.

**Observers:** Contributors.

**Observation:** Numerous examples (well over 100) were found in the stream, and in pools along the banks. Sympatric fishes include the Indochinese spotted barb (*Barbodes rhombeus*), guppy (*Poecilia reticulata*), croaking gouramy (*Trichopsis vittata*) and common walking catfish (*Clarias batrachus*).

**Remarks:** The pearl danio is an introduced species first recorded in Singapore by Lim & Tan (2011: 377, as *Danio albolineata*) from the northern side of Mandai Road (Lorong Asrama). The present record is on the southern side of Mandai Road. This species also occurs in the streams at Bukit Brown and Mount Pleasant (Tan et al., 2013: 231, as *Danio albolineatus*).

### References:

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Lateral view of a pearl danio of 23.9 mm standard length (from snout tip to base of caudal fin) from the Mandai area. Photograph by Tan Heok Hui

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