

Leopard cat in Western Catchment Area

Subject: Leopard cat, *Prionailurus bengalensis* (Mammalia: Carnivora: Felidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Western Catchment Area, south of Poyan Reservoir; 1 May 2012; 2023 hrs.

Habitat: Secondary forest.

Observer: Contributor, Robert C. H. Teo & Vilma D’Rozario

Observation: A sub-adult leopard cat was seen about 3 m above ground, among the branches of a simpoh air (*Dillenia suffruticosa*) shrub (see accompanying photograph). The individual lingered for a few minutes, then descended from the branches head-first and moved away slowly.

Remarks: This is the first confirmed record of a live leopard cat in the Western Catchment Area. The species is locally recorded from Pulau Tekong, Pulau Ubin and the Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Baker & Lim, 2012).

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.



Photograph by Marcus A. H. Chua

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