

First record of East Asian ornate chorus frog on Singapore Island

Subject: East Asian ornate chorus frog, *Microhyla fissipes* (Amphibia: Anura: Microhylidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor & Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Nanyang Technological University off Jalan Bahar, opposite Nanyang Meadows staff housing; 14 February 2015; 2215 hrs.

Habitat: Scrubland. In a puddle of water formed within tire tracks beside a road adjacent to a grassy area. Substrate consists of clay and silt.

Observers: Contributor with Sumita Thiagarajan & Nishshanka Bandara Narampanawe.

Observation: One example of about 2.5 cm (snout-vent length) was observed at the edge of the puddle (see attached photograph).

Remarks: The East Asian ornate chorus frog is believed to be an introduced species in Singapore where it was first recorded on Pulau Tekong in 2005 (Ng & Yeo, 2012: 97).

The present observation appears to be the first record of its presence on Singapore Island. Although a breeding population of this species is yet to be confirmed, one of the three species of tadpoles observed in the same puddle is believed to be *Microhyla fissipes*.

Reference: Ng T. H. & D. C. J. Yeo, 2012. Non-indigenous frogs in Singapore. *Nature in Singapore*. 5: 95-102.



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