

## Sunda slow loris at Mandai

**Subject:** Sunda slow loris, *Nycticebus coucang* (Mammalia: Primates: Lorisidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributors and Kelvin K. P. Lim.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, western area of Mandai; 14 March 2015; 0000 hrs.

**Habitat:** Scrubland adjacent to secondary forest.

**Observers:** Contributors.

**Observation:** An individual of around 30 cm in head and body length was seen descending an *Albizia saman* tree at a height of about 20 m. It is illustrated in the attached pictures. The picture on the right shows a dark mid-dorsal stripe on the head of the animal.

**Remarks:** In Singapore, this is regarded as a ‘critically endangered’ species that is locally recorded in the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves, and on Pulau Tekong (Lim et al., 2008: 198). Although known to be a forest dweller (Baker & Lim, 2012: 134), the animal featured here is found in scrubland. The presence of illegal trade of slow lorises in Singapore, and a record of a non-native species, the pygmy loris (*Nycticebus pygmaeus*) in the Central Catchment Nature Reserve (Fam et al., 2014: 74) suggest that the local population of lorises is likely to include some imported animals. However, *Nycticebus coucang* is known to be native to Singapore.

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