

Common treeshrew at Burgundy Crescent

Subject: Common treeshrew, *Tupaia glis* (Mammalia: Scandentia: Tupaiidae).

Subject identified by: Contributor.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Bukit Batok area, Burgundy Crescent; 3 May 2015; around 1700 hrs.

Habitat: Suburban housing estate with low concrete houses, in garden at the edge of an isolated patch of young secondary forest located east of Bukit Batok Street 25, north of Toh Tuck Road, and south of Bukit Batok East Avenue 6.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One was caught in a rat trap in a garden (see accompanying picture). The animal was released into the woods behind the house.

Remarks: The common treeshrew is widely distributed in wooded areas on Singapore Island. Apart from the Central Catchment and Bukit Timah Nature Reserves, it also occurs at the Western Catchment Area, Bukit Batok Nature Park, Kent Ridge and the Botanic Gardens (Baker & Lim, 2012: 132), and was recently recorded from Portsdown estate (Baker, 2013). The featured animal most likely inhabited the isolated patch of woodland which is separated from the Bukit Batok Nature Park at its northern edge by Bukit Batok East Avenue 6.

References:

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