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Javan pipistrelle at Punggol

Subject: Javan pipistrelle, Pipistrellus javanicus (Mammalia: Chiroptera: Vespertilionidae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Punggol Field Walk; 14 June 2016; at around 2100 hrs.

Habitat: Urban. In concrete, high-rise apartment building.

Observer: Contributor.

Observation: One example of about 6 cm head and body length was found alive and crouching on the concrete floor of a corridor on the 13th level (see accompanying photograph).

Remarks: More than a month later, on 29 July 2016, the contributor found another individual crouching on the floor of the sixth storey corridor in the same building. It was noted at around 2159 hrs, but had disappeared about half an hour later, presumably having flown off. In addition to the present observations, other recent records of the Javan pipistrelle in Singapore have all been from urban areas (Chan et al., 2009; Yap & Chua, 2014).

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In-situ frontal-dorsal view of Pipistrellus javanicus. Photograph by Tan Siong Kiat

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