

Three-striped palm civets feeding on cauliflory figs

Subjects: Three-striped palm civet, *Arctogalidia trivirgata* (Mammalia: Carnivora: Viverridae).

Subjects identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Chestnut forest; 7 June 2015; around 2010 hrs.

Habitat: On trees in mature secondary forest.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: Two separate sightings at around the same time at two different neighbouring locations.

1) Subaraj Rajathurai observed one individual feeding on cauliflory figs (Fig. 1 & 2). It was subsequently chased away by a Sumatran palm civet (*Paradoxurus musangus*).

2) Serin Subaraj saw an adult together with a sub-adult, probably its child, feeding on cauliflory figs.

Remarks: In Singapore, the largely arboreal and omnivorous three-striped palm civet appears to be confined to the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves (Baker & Lim, 2012: 152). One was reported from the Nee Soon swamp-forest in January 2014 (D’Rozario & Yeo, 2014). The present records suggest that this species is drawn to figging trees.

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Fig. 1. Frontal view of the head of a three-striped palm civet.



Fig. 2. Ventro-lateral view of the body with figs on the far left above the civet’s head.

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