

Javan pipistrelle at Kent Ridge campus

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

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Kent Ridge Campus, Conservatory Drive, open plaza premises of the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum; 27 March 2017; 1028 hrs.

Habitat: Concrete building surrounded by other buildings and urban parkland.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: An individual of about 5 cm body length was found clinging with head pointing downwards, onto a pebble-washed wall against the ceiling, next to a garden (see accompanying pictures). Although apparently awake, it did not appear to be alarmed when photographed. The bat was still at the roost at 1830 hrs. The next morning, at around 0830 hrs, it was no longer there. It is presumed to have flown away during the night.

Remarks: There have been frequent reports of the Javan pipistrelle in Singapore, the latest being from Upper Thomson (Baker, 2017). The reports give the impression that this bat inhabits urban areas and seems to be common. The present observation appears to suggest that this species may not roost communally, and may not use the same roost every day.

Reference: Baker, N., 2017. Javan pipistrelles at Upper Thomson. *Singapore Biodiversity Records* 2017: 1-2.



Fronto-lateral view of Javan pipistrelle (left) at roost on a wall against the ceiling (right). Photographs by Tan Heok Hui.

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