

Discovery of the inornate chorus frog, *Micryletta inornata*, in Singapore

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Subject: Inornate chorus frog, *Micryletta inornata* (Amphibia: Anura: Microhylidae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Old Upper Thomson Road; 22 September 2018; around 2046 hrs.

Habitat: Leaf litter in concrete drain at the side of a metalled road, at the edge of mature secondary forest of the Central Catchment Nature Reserve.

Observers: Law Ing Sind, Shivaram Rasu, Sankar Ananthanarayanan, Toh Wei Yang, Pranammeka Sathya & Nitin Joseph Vincent.

Observation: An individual of 22 mm snout-vent length was observed amongst leaf litter trapped in a roadside drain. It was temporarily removed for closer examination, measurement and ex-situ photography (see accompanying picture).

Remarks: This appears to be the first record of *Micryletta inornata* in Singapore (see Baker & Lim, 2012). The species is widely distributed from India, through Myanmar, southern China, Thailand, to the Malay Peninsula and Sumatra (Frost, 2018). It occurs in Peninsular Malaysia as far south as the Panty forest in south-eastern Johor (Chan et al., 2010). Because of the locality's close proximity to Singapore, *Micryletta inornata* is thus presumed to be a native species in Singapore that had earlier eluded detection, possibly due its small size and cryptic habits.



Dorso-lateral view of subject. Photograph by Law Ing Sind

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