

## Biodiversity Record: Jewelled grass blue butterfly at Yishun Central

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**Subject:** Jewelled grass blue, *Freyeria putli* (Insecta: Lepidoptera: Lycaenidae, Polyommatainae).

**Subject identified by:** Simon Kee Mun Chan.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Yishun Central, compound of Khoo Teck Puat Hospital; 23 January 2026; around 1651 hrs.

**Habitat:** Urban parkland. In patch of grass and creeping wedelia (*Sphagneticola trilobata*).

**Observer:** Simon Kee Mun Chan.

**Observation:** On that hot and dry afternoon, an adult with a wingspan of about 12 mm was observed fluttering about and landing on a flower of the creeping wedelia from which it proceeded to sip nectar (Figs. 1 & 2).



Fig. 1. In-situ lateral view of the subject on a flower of the creeping wedelia. Fig. 2. Lateral view of the butterfly sipping nectar from a flower among a bed of creeping wedelia (Photographs by: Simon Kee Mun Chan).

**Remarks:** *Freyeria putli* was first recorded in Singapore at the Ulu Pandan Park Connector on 3 September 2023 (Li, 2023), and its local life history documented and illustrated by Tan (2023). The present record marks the first time it was noted at the Yishun area. This marks the 118th butterfly species recorded in the grounds of the Khoo Teck Puat Hospital since 2010 (personal observation). However, the author has not seen its hostplant, the creeping indigo (*Indigofera spicata*), in the grounds of the hospital.

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