

Biodiversity Record: Greenhouse frogs at Upper Seletar

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Subjects: Greenhouse frog, *Eleutherodactylus planirostris* (Amphibia: Anura: Eleutherodactylidae).

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Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Upper Seletar Reservoir Park; 10 March 2026; around 2050 hrs.

Habitat: Edge of freshwater swamp forest.

Observers: Chen Xuanhe and Lim Jun Yi.

Observations: At least ten individuals (Fig. 1) were sighted among leaf litter alongside painted chorus frogs (*Microhyla butleri*) and a dark-sided chorus frog (*Microhyla heymonsi*).

Remarks: The greenhouse frog is an alien species that is widespread in urban areas throughout Singapore (Figueroa et al., 2023). The presence of the species at the margin of the Nee Soon Swamp Forest is cause for some concern. Whether it will have any ecological consequences for the native frogs and other organisms in the habitat merits further investigation.



Fig. 1. In-situ dorso-lateral view of one of the greenhouse frogs (about 1 cm snout-vent length) at Upper Seletar. (Photograph by: Chen Xuanhe).

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Figueroa A, Low MEY & Lim KKP (2023) Singapore's herpetofauna: updated and annotated checklist, history, conservation, and distribution. Zootaxa, 5287: 1–378.