

Banded wolf snake at Nee Soon swamp-forest

Subject: Banded wolf snake, *Lycodon subcinctus* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Colubridae).

Subject identified by: Kelvin K. P. Lim.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Central Catchment Nature Reserve, Nee Soon swamp-forest; 13 October 2011; around 2243 hrs.

Habitat: Mature secondary forest and freshwater swamp-forest.

Observers: Contributors.

Observation: An example of about 50 cm total length was observed slowly slithering across a flooded grass patch, possibly foraging for food.

Remarks: The banded wolf snake is regarded as a 'critically endangered' species in Singapore with only two previous recent records. The first was from the Central Catchment Nature Reserve in 1988 while the second was photographed at Pulau Tekong in 2006 (Lim et al., 2008: 164; Baker & Lim, 2012: 104). The present example seems to be the second recent record known from Singapore Island.

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