

## Banded Malaysian coral snake at Kent Ridge

**Subject:** Banded Malaysian coral snake, *Calliophis intestinalis* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Elapidae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Kent Ridge, campus of the National University of Singapore, Science Drive 2, garden behind building S6; 21 September 2005; morning.

**Habitat:** Garden at the side of a concrete building, bordered by belukar vegetation on a hill slope.

**Observers:** Contributor and others.

**Observation:** An example of about 25 cm total length was found on the sheltered concrete footpath at the edge of a garden.

**Remarks:** This record shows that the banded Malaysian coral snake is present in urban areas. It is seldom seen probably due to its semi-fossorial habits. When molested, this venomous reptile will flatten its body and raise its tail to reveal the black-and-red banded underside as a warning display (Baker & Lim, 2012: 116).

**Reference:** Baker, N. & K. K. P. Lim, 2012. *Wild Animals of Singapore. A Photographic Guide to Mammals, Reptiles, Amphibians and Freshwater Fishes*. Updated edition. Draco Publishing and Distribution Pte. Ltd. and Nature Society (Singapore). 180 pp.



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