

## Singapore rat carcass at Old Upper Thomson Road

**Subject:** Singapore rat, *Rattus annandalei* (Mammalia: Rodentia: Muridae).

**Subject identified by:** Contributor.

**Location, date and time:** Singapore Island, Old Upper Thomson Road; 8 June 2013; 1258 hrs.

**Habitat:** Two-lane metalled road through secondary forest.

**Observer:** Contributor.

**Observation:** A crushed carcass of about 27 cm (head-and-body length) was found in the middle of the road. See accompanying photograph with a Singapore ten-dollar note for scale.

**Remarks:** The Singapore rat is distinguished from other rats in Singapore by its sharply demarcated white underside, brownish throat and uniformly coloured tail. It inhabits secondary forest and scrubland (Baker & Lim, 2012: 140). The example featured here was most likely killed and flattened by the tyres of a motor vehicle while it attempted to cross the road from one forest patch to another.

**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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