

Wagler's pit viper at Lim Chu Kang

Subject: Wagler's pit viper, *Tropidolaemus wagleri* (Reptilia: Serpentes: Viperidae).

Subject identified by: Contributors.

Location, date and time: Singapore Island, Lim Chu Kang, Neo Tiew Lane 1, 5 October 2015, 1730 hrs.

Habitat: Scrub and urban parkland vegetation.

Observers: Contributors, with Ludovic David.

Observation: A female example of approximately 60cm total length was found coiled on a tree branch, about one metre above the ground, along the road (see accompanying picture).

Remarks: This seems to be first recent record of *Tropidolaemus wagleri* in Singapore outside the Bukit Timah and Central Catchment Nature Reserves, and Pulau Tekong (Baker & Lim, 2012). As this species inhabits forest, its occurrence in an exposed habitat seems unusual, and suggests that the snake may have strayed from a nearby wooded area, or been artificially transported to the area.

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). 120 pp.



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